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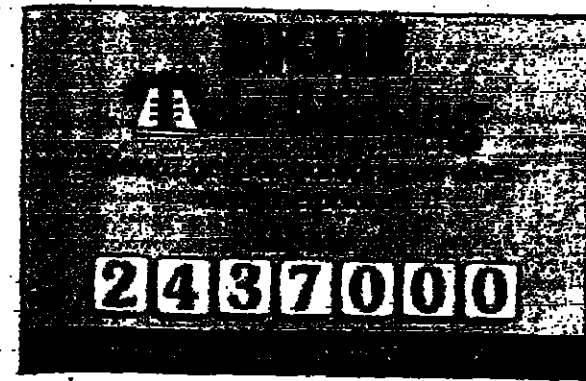
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300 missing in Gay fury: drillship sinks

BANGKOK, Nov 4, (Agencies): A US oil drilling ship with 97 people on board capsized and at least seven other ships sank today as typhoon Gay churned through the Gulf of Thailand with 120 mph (193 kph) winds whipping up 35-foot (10 m) high waves. About 300 sailors were missing because of the wrecks.

Unocal Corp. of Los Angeles said search helicopters had spotted its 361-foot (110 m) ship Seacrest capsized in the storm. Thai Navy officials said two teams of divers were being sent to the ship and would attempt to enter the hull to search for survivors.

Unocal spokesman Barry Lane said the helicopter spotted what appeared to be survivors from the

ship clinging to a piece of wreckage, but the group turned out to be six Thai fishermen clinging to their own overturned boat.

"We still at this point have not found any survivors from the Seacrest," Lane said.

The company's search helicopter located the hull of the Seacrest and identified the ship by an opening in the hull for drilling equipment. He said none of the lifeboats from the ship had been spotted and there were no immediate signs of survivors.

A search and rescue team was dropped by helicopter atop the hull of the Seacrest, but none of the vessel's 97 crew members were found, a spokeswoman said.

Rescue workers also scoured some 600 square miles (1,500 square kilometres) of typhoon-tossed seas, but failed to find a trace of the crew.

Much of the search was called off at 6:30 pm (11:30 GMT) because of darkness. But Carol Scott, spokeswoman for Unocal said Thai Navy divers would continue searching into the night with the assistance of lights and remotely operated underwater vehicles.

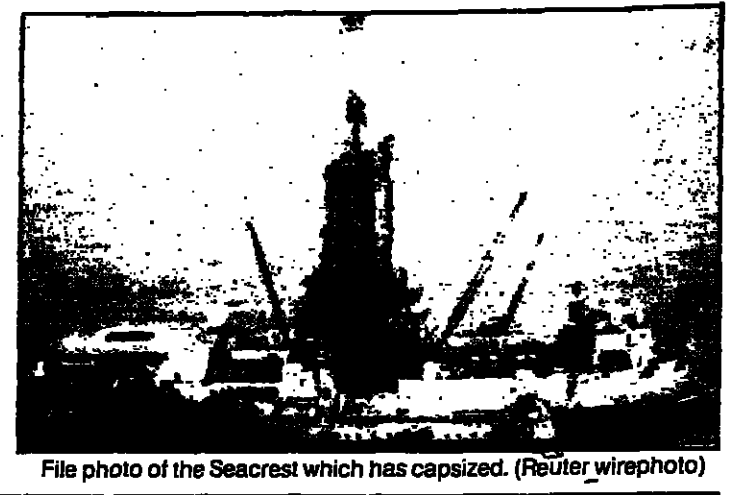
The first team to arrive at the ship "tapped on the part of the hull that is above water, listening for a signal back, but got no response," Scott said.

The hull of the ship, which overturned during a typhoon, was riding about two metres (six feet)

above the water. High waves were still reported.

Revising an earlier report, Scott said 64 of those missing from the Seacrest were Thai, seven were Americans, five Britons, four Australians, three Filipinos, three Singaporeans, two Canadians, two Danes, two Malaysians, two Indonesians, one New Zealander, one Norwegian and one West German.

Typhoon Gay hit the Gulf of Thailand late last week, and local news reports said at least a dozen fishing boats and seven cargo vessels have capsized in the violent storm. The typhoon, packing 160-kilometre-per-hour (100 miles per hour) winds, was expected to hit the southern Thailand mainland later today.



File photo of the Seacrest which has capsized. (Reuters wirephoto)



On collision course
Hindu militants shout slogans against Muslims (right) while other Hindus carry consecrated bricks (left) to a central point in New Delhi for transport to the northern town of Ayodhya, birth place of deity Ram, where Hindus plan to build a shrine. Muslims have a mosque there and are threatening to resist the Hindu bid. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lawmakers defy Aoun declaration

Lebanon in crisis as Parliament is dissolved

KLEIAT, Lebanon, Nov 4, (Agencies): Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun declared today he has dissolved Parliament for endorsing an Arab peace plan to end Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war, plunging the country into a grave constitutional crisis.

Legislators gathered at this north Lebanon air base to defy Aoun, vowing to hold a special parliamentary session to elect a new president to form a government of national reconciliation.

Aoun, 54, summoned reporters to his command bunker beneath the presidential palace in suburban Baabda, east of Beirut, before dawn

and read out a decree from his three-man military cabinet declaring Parliament dissolved.

Aoun, whose cabinet is vying for power with a rival Muslim government, charged the legislature had violated the constitution by approving an Arab League-brokered accord to end the civil war without his consent.

The general, who fought the Syrians for six months until an Arab League-brokered ceasefire took hold on Sept 22, rejected the peace plan because it failed to provide cast-iron guarantees for a withdrawal of 40,000 Syrian forces who control 70 per cent of the country.



Cory arrives in Canada
Show of force by Marcos loyalists.
Supporters of Marcos hold on to their position outside a suburban military camp in Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gloom at 'I' base

NEW DELHI, Nov 4, (Reuters): Gloom has settled over Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's house, nerve centre of his Congress Party campaign for India's elections this month, as he struggles to regain the initiative from a united opposition.

Rajiv has not yet even released his party's manifesto, the usual first step in a campaign. Its issue has been delayed three times and is again rescheduled for Monday.

Instead the Indian leader started his campaign yesterday with a controversial direct appeal to the Hindu majority, promising to restore to India a mythical kingdom of the Hindu deity, Ram.

"There is unhappiness especially among the young in the Congress," said a Congress leader.

"There were not enough of them selected for the elections. Even the inability to release the manifesto is seen as Rajiv's weakness."

He said Rajiv's appeal to Hindus, representing 650 million of India's 800 million people, was a last ditch move to wrest the initiative back from the

opposition.

Rajiv made the appeal only a short distance from the spot in Ayodhya, in Uttar Pradesh state, where Hindus and Muslims are locked in dispute over a shrine.

Hindus claim Muslims, who number 100 million in India, have built a mosque at the spot in Ayodhya where Ram was born. They plan to lay the foundation stone of a shrine there next week.

Congress candidates complain bitterly about infighting in the party and lack of funds promised to them by their leaders.

On the other hand, the opposition, once known for quarrels among its leaders, has so far bested Rajiv on practically all fronts since his unexpected announcement of elections on Nov 22, 24 and 26.

That was five weeks ahead of schedule. Rajiv intended to catch the opposition off balance, hoping they would fail under the time pressure to join forces

Cong (I) faces straight fights
By Sonny Abraham
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov 4: It now appears quite certain that Congress (I) will face a one-to-one contest against the opposition in upto 400 of the 527 constituencies.

Polling has been stopped in the Shahdol constituency of Madhya Pradesh after the death of a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate, Suresh Singh Pore, following a road accident.

Today was the last day of withdrawal of candidatures in all except the one seat in Sikkim, where the deadline is Monday.

The opposition parties, led by the National Front, have been able to give a concrete shape to seat adjustment among themselves to avoid the division of votes between them, especially in what is popularly called the Hindi belt of north India.

While there will be multi-cornered contests in Maharashtra and Karnataka, it will be virtually a straight fight between the Congress (I) and the Janata Dal-BJP combine in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana.

The Congress has put up candidates for 360 seats, having left the rest to its allies. On the other hand, the National Front has fielded only 316 nominees, leaving the remaining seats to the BJP, the leftist parties and others.

The front had originally planned to fight for 360 seats but scaled this down in the interest of "seat adjustments." The Janata Dal, the main partner in the front, led by V.P. Singh, will be in the fray for 240 seats.

A Congress spokesman today said the opposition's claims of one-to-one contests were meaningless. "We are not at all worried," he said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi continued on his whirlwind tours of various states on the second day of his party's campaign.

Rajiv said his party was committed to give "power to the people" and also accused the opposition of fanning communalism in different parts of the country.

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Elections sought

Million rally

EAST BERLIN, Nov 4, (Reuters): One million people staged East Germany's biggest protest march in three decades today, demanding free elections in a direct challenge to a newly reformed but still entrenched communist leadership.

Money-exchanger commits suicide

AN Iranian money-exchanger yesterday hanged himself to death at a downtown police station where he was held on charges of financial wrongdoing.

The man went to the toilet and hanged himself. When he failed to come out police personnel rushed inside to find him dangling from a rope tied to the syphon.

Weather

FAIR weather with light to moderate north-westerly wind and some clouds will appear.

State of sea: Slight to moderate.

High water: 2.05 am, 5.30 pm

Low water: 10.00 am, 5.50 pm

Sunrise: 6.04 am

Sunset: 4.59 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 29°C 84°F

Ahmad: 27°C 81°F

Falaka: 28°C 82°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 13°C 55°F

Ahmad: 17°C 63°F

Falaka: 16°C 61°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 29°C 84°F

Ahmad: 27°C 81°F

Falaka: 27°C 81°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 42 per cent

Ahmad: 40 per cent

Falaka: 37 per cent



Spreading joy

While her husband Prince Charles held talks with President Suharto, Princess Diana yesterday visited a leprosy hospital in Jakarta, shaking hands and sitting with some of the patients.

The gesture from the 28-year-old princess seemed to please many Indonesian officials in her company at the hospital, which handles about 2,000 leprosy patients.

In a light blue dress, the princess smiled and waved at more than 1,000 Indonesians, who crowded the hospital to see her.

Diana is seen here reacting to a winning throw during a game of bowls at the leprosy hospital. (Reuters wirephoto)

Brazil presidential candidate's jet crashes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 4, (AP): A private plane chartered by presidential candidate Fernando Collor de Mello today dove into a hill and exploded in southeastern Brazil, killing all five aboard, officials said.

Collor de Mello was not aboard at the time.

The twin-engine Bell 440 helicopter crashed shortly after midnight Friday in the remote region of Ribeirao das Neves, 269 miles (434 kms) northwest of Rio, air force Lt Osimar Lures Neves said.

The air taxi was making the 40-minute flight from Rio 287 miles (464 kms) northwest to Belo

Horizonte, when it developed engine trouble, Neves said by phone from Belo Horizonte.

The pilot attempted an emergency landing but the craft flew head-on into a mountain ridge and exploded, Neves said.

The pilot, co-pilot, two Brazilian journalists and one unidentified person died instantly, he said.

Film footage on Globo TV, the nation's largest private network, showed the fuselage scattered in charred pieces on the hill. Only the tail of the craft remained intact.

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CIA link to Flt 103

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (UPI): An Ohio congressman said yesterday he was given an investigator's report written for Pan Am's insurance underwriter claiming Central Intelligence Agency operatives in West Germany may have known a bomb was aboard Pan Am Flight 103, but ignored the information.

Pan Am 103, heading from Frankfurt to New York with an intervening stop in London, blew up Dec 21, 1988, over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people. Investigations have concluded a bomb of plastic explosives was smuggled onto the plane.

Canadian officials and business leaders that her Asian has returned to stability.

"I depart as always with confidence that the safety of the government is assured in the care of the people," Aquino said shortly before taking off at 2:46 pm local time (0646 GMT) today aboard a commercial Philippine Airlines flight to Vancouver.

Meanwhile, the military reported today that suspected Muslim separatist rebels attacked a government outpost in the southern Philippines, killing five and wounding seven militiamen.

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INTERNATIONAL

Aquino on difficult mission to Canada, US

OTTAWA, Nov. 4. (AP) Corazon Aquino is the first Philippine President to visit Canada, and she hopes to persuade the country's officials and business leaders that her Asian nation has returned to stability.

It won't be easy. Every time she leaves the Philippines she runs a risk she might not be allowed back.

The legacy of former president Ferdinand Marcos still haunts Aquino two months after he died in exile in Hawaii. His supporters in the army have staged several coup attempts since Marcos was ousted in the 1986 people power movement that swept Aquino to power.

Yesterday, an estimated 25,000 Marcos supporters protested in Manila and

denounced Mrs. Aquino for refusing to allow his body to be buried in the Philippines. But Aquino left Manila, as scheduled for Canada today.

The Canadian government is eager to help nurture Philippine democracy. The visit will demonstrate Canada's support for the restoration of democracy and the economic reforms that president Aquino's government is

pursuing," an external affairs department official said.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will sign seven new agreements with Mrs. Aquino, four of which will increase aid to the country. The money will be in addition to the \$100-million aid package Canada provided for the Philippines after Mrs. Aquino became president.

There also will be something to

please the 100,000-strong Canadian Filipino community Mrs. Aquino hopes to court during her visit to Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa.

They have long called for the extradition of two men wanted for alleged crimes in the Philippines. But there has been no extradition treaty between the two countries.

Mulroney and Mrs. Aquino, 56, will

sign an agreement that will allow for extradition once those accused have been given due legal process under Canada's refugee system. The agreement will be retroactive to allow the deportation of Filipinos who already have been granted refugee status.

But there are other issues that remain thorny for expatriate Filipinos and the Canadian government.

Swiss reject Imelda appeal

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Nov. 4. (UPI) The Swiss supreme court ordered banks Thursday to supply information to US investigators on American development funds allegedly diverted by late Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, rejecting Imelda Marcos' plea to suspend proceedings.

The ruling was separate from other proceedings continuing before lower courts involving the Manila government's attempt to trace and have returned around \$1 to 1.5 billion in allegedly embezzled state monies.

In handing down its decision Thursday, the supreme court rejected an appeal by Marcos' widow Imelda against any lifting of Swiss banking secrecy.

Washington had asked Switzerland for legal assistance in tracing as much as \$100 million in development aid and which it says was diverted by Marcos to Swiss bank accounts in Zurich and Geneva.

The Swiss government was prepared to help but lawyers for the Marcoses appealed to the supreme court on grounds that Marcos was a head of state at the time of the alleged diversion and therefore immune from investigation.

Switzerland's federal (supreme) court, which sits in Lausanne on Lake Geneva, on June 28 postponed a decision until after its summer recess.

Ferdinand Marcos then died on Sept. 28 and Imelda Marcos asked that the proceedings be suspended.

By a four-to-one decision, the court rejected that request and at the same time ordered banks to disclose any information concerning illegal transactions involving the US aid by Marcos and his entourage via Switzerland.

Most want US bases phased out

MANILA, Nov. 4. (AP) A member of the Philippine panel that will negotiate the future of US military bases said yesterday that the installations should be phased out in less than five years.

The panel member, who spoke on condition he not be named, said there was strong sentiment in the government for a phased closure of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller US installations. "Except for a few senators, I think there should be a phase-out," the member said. He gave no timeframe but said five to 10 years "is too long."

The lease on the bases expires in 1991. US and Philippine negotiators are to begin talks next month on extending the lease. The panel member said he expected the talks to last about a year.

Philippine President Corason Aquino refused to say whether she wants a new agreement. Any new pact must be approved by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate, where opposition to the bases is strong.

The issue is expected to be raised when Mrs. Aquino visits the United States next week. She leaves today for Canada and flies to New York on Tuesday.

Tamil militia fills void left by India

Bloodbath feared among rival groups

COLOMBO, Nov. 4. (AP) Young Tamils dressed in camouflage uniforms and armed with new automatic rifles are moving into the security void left by departing Indian peacekeeping soldiers.

Climbing to trucks, the Tamils raced out of Batticaloa as the last 4,000 Indian troops in neighbouring Ampara district boarded ships and headed home.

The Tamils, between the ages of 16 and 30, are members of a militia organized by former rebel groups to try to maintain order in the violence-ravaged area.

But many residents fear a greater bloodbath among rival Tamil

guerrilla groups waging a six-year-old war against the Sinhalese-dominated government for a separate homeland in northeastern Sri Lanka.

"The Indians came to disarm Tamil rebels and now they have armed everybody else," said the Rev. Dominic Saminathan, a Roman Catholic priest and Tamil.

The Indian soldiers started arriving in July 1987 to supervise a peace pact between the government and the Tamil guerrillas.

But their numbers quickly swelled from 2,000 to about 100,000 when

the Tamil Tigers, the largest guerrilla group, refused to surrender arms and started attacking the foreign peacekeepers. The Indian force was gradually reduced to about 50,000 men who battled the Tigers while keeping watch over a half-dozen other Tamil groups.

Now, with Indian soldiers starting to leave in advance of the Dec. 31 deadline for a total withdrawal, concern has been mounting over who will keep peace and order in the area.

Sri Lanka's small army is tied down in a separate battle against Sinhalese extremists in the southern part of the tropical island. The Sinhalese rebels began their insurrection two years ago because they felt the government made too many concessions in attempting to negotiate peace with the Tamil guerrillas.

Batticaloa's 45,000 residents have been living in fear since the Tamil insurgency began in 1983. The creation of a new Tamil militia known as the Tamil Insurgency Council has heightened those anxieties.

"With the departure of the Indian troops, the situation will boil over and bloodshed among the Tamil groups is certain," said Saminathan, chairman of St. Joseph's seminary in Batticaloa.

His fears seemed justified the day after Indian soldiers left eastern Ampara district in a 200-vehicle convoy at the end of October. Two Tamil youths were shot in the head.

Sri Lanka's most controversial Tamil militant leader V. V. Prabhakaran flatly denied today the existence of a Tamil national army in the eastern province controlled by the India-backed Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) of which he is the undisputed leader.



Philippine troops fire smoke-bombs and water cannons at some 5,000 supporters of former president Marcos outside a suburban military camp in Manila demanding the return of his corpse from Hawaii. (Reuters wirephoto)

All-night rally in Manila

Laurel criticises Cory decision

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Lt Col Omar Manabilang, Philippine Constabulary provincial commander, said the incident took place at dawn

Friday in the town of Balabagan in Lanao Del Sur province, 856 kms (535 miles) southeast of Manila.

Manabilang said an undetermined number of Moro National

Liberation Front guerrillas escaped on a boat after the attack.

Aquino said Friday's show of force by Marcos' followers did not diminish her confidence in her government's stability. More than 25,000 people rallied to protest Aquino's refusal to allow Marcos' remains to be returned to the Philippines for burial.

It was the largest demonstration by Marcos supporters in the capital since shortly after his ouster in 1986. The protest had dwindled to a few hundred people far into the night, and police dispersed them after they violated an agreement to end the rally by dawn today.

Lawyer Oliver Lozano, a loyalist leader, said protesters failed to break up because of problems in getting transportation.

Three news photographers and three soldiers were injured slightly by stones thrown by the loyalists during the protest. An undetermined number of loyalists also were hurt during brief skirmishes with police in the area's side streets.

"The events this morning underscore an important truth. People power is not a political technique," said Aquino.

"It is a selfless action for a moral purpose. It springs from a heritage of faith and freedom and will rise to the occasion only when these supreme values are threatened," she said.

About 15,000 Marcos loyalists had received permission for an all-night rally outside the national police headquarters, Camp Crame, to demand that his body be brought home.

Council to rule French headscarf debate

PARIS, Nov. 4. (Reuters) French Education Minister Lionel Jospin has asked the country's highest administrative body to intervene in a bitter dispute over whether pupils can wear Islamic headscarves in class.

A government statement said today Jospin had asked the state council to rule over French regulations which currently ban religious and political activities from the classroom.

Ever since three schoolgirls of North African origin were expelled from school in September for violating the law by wearing the headscarves a heated debate has raged in Parliament

and the national media. Teachers and left-wing politicians are passionately committed to retaining French education's traditional secularism.

Their opponents have accused them of using the argument as a cover for racism, and the right-wing National Front has leapt into the fray by warning that France is being invaded by foreigners and calling for a halt to immigration.

Jospin's position is that students must not be expelled for wearing ethnic clothes. But he also says schools should be encouraged to remain secular.

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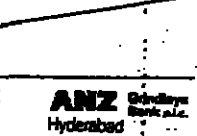
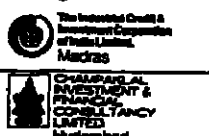
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Distraught woman

A distraught woman holds a knife to her throat threatening to kill herself and a child in a hostage situation in Houston Nov 3. The woman locked herself in a car and has held the police at bay for over seven hours. No details of the woman's problem was given by the police, who were trying to talk with the woman. (Reuters wirephoto).

Fatties gather against phobia

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, Nov 4, (AP): The people gathering here yesterday don't mind if you call them fat. In fact, they prefer that to chubby, pleasantly plump or overweight.

"We use the word fat, because we are fat. We could call ourselves overweight, but over what weight? Fat is basically pretty clear," said Marilyn Rock, co-chairwoman of the local chapter of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance.

Convention

About 100 people from the Midwest Chapter of the Sacramento, California-based group is meeting here through today for its annual convention, which includes exercise tips for large people and speeches by fat activists.

The group's mission is to help fat people build self-esteem to face a society with "fat phobia" that sees them as freakish and repulsive, the group's founder, William Fabrey, said yesterday.

"We're not saying people should be fat or shouldn't be fat. We're just saying that fat people shouldn't be harassed because of the size of their waistline," said Fabrey, who is 5-foot-10 (178 centimetres) and 200 pounds (91 kilograms).

Hostility

Fabrey said he founded the group in 1969 because he was angered by the hostility of society toward people, especially women, with excess pounds (kilograms). He met his wife, Nancy, through the organisation in 1968.

The group now has about 2,500 members world-wide, including human rights advocates of all sizes.

"Fat people are bashed and battered all of their lives," Rock said. "If you are eating an icecream cone, people look at you as if you're sick."

Understanding

Fabrey, an electrical engineer from Charlottesville, Virginia, said there have been improvement over the years with more manufacturers of clothes for large women and an emphasis on health rather than being skinny. And scientists are gaining a deeper understanding of the causes of obesity.

"What we're seeing is mothers who were raised in the twiggy era becoming hyper-conscious about their weight and the weight of their children," said Dr David Garner, a psychiatry professor at Michigan State University who will speak at the convention today.

"So many people are so frightened of being fat, they are starving themselves, sometimes to death."

Book on Kennedy mishap

Paints a different scenario of mishap

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (UPI): Author Kenneth Kappel said Thursday that a car driven by Senator Edward Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, had been in an accident before it went into the water at Chappaquiddick 20 years ago, claiming the life of a young woman.

Kappel told a news conference that his book, "Chappaquiddick Revealed: What Really Happened," contains new analysis of photographs of the car Kennedy drove the night of July 18, 1969, that show damage that could not have been caused by impact with the water.

The accident occurred shortly before midnight July 18, 1969, when Kennedy's Oldsmobile 88 ran off the 10-foot (three-metre)-wide bridge on Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts, a sparsely populated island used

mostly by tourists from neighbouring Martha's Vineyard.

The car landed upside down in 10-feet (three metres) of water. Kennedy got out and survived, but Mary Jo Kopechne, 28, a former aide to his late brother, Robert, did not.

Kennedy said at the time that he made seven or eight attempts to rescue Kopechne, but then delayed reporting the accident for 10 hours.

Six days later, Kennedy pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident. He received a suspended jail sentence and lost his driver's license for a year.

Kappel's account is based on enlarged photographs that he said have never been published. The photographs show long scratches on the car's hood and a bashed-in roof.

Kappel and Jon Ahlbum, the tow-truck

driver who picked up Kennedy's car after the accident, said the scratches indicate the car was involved in a roll-over, landed on its top and then was rocked back and forth to get it back on its wheels.

Kappel also said there were blood stains on Kopechne's blouse, which must have dried and set before the car went into the water, suggesting she had been injured in an earlier accident.

Asked about Kappel's claims Thursday, Kennedy's press secretary, Paul Donovan, said "the story is preposterous and absurd. We're not going to comment any further."

He told reporters he never attempted to interview people who helped Kennedy at the scene of the accident, to get their version or even a denial of his theory that there were two accidents.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Butlers train

Drawing a gun

LONDON, Nov 4, (AP): For 15 aspiring butlers, drawing a gun will be as important as drawing a bath.

The would-be servants will be taking a three-day course on handling guns so they can protect employers and their families in the United States and other overseas posts.

"Unfortunately, we're living in an area of violence, and wealthy people overseas who employ butlers want somebody who in an emergency can go to a drawer and fire a gun to protect them and their families," said Ivor Spencer, who runs the international school for butler administrators.

Spencer said he was surprised that all 15 students in the seven-week course said they wanted to learn how to handle guns and semi-automatic weapons.

"I gave them the option and thought some would be afraid of guns," he said.

The three-day course in Newport, Wales, starting Nov 9, will include training on the use of semi-automatic weapons, he said.

Spencer said he didn't expect butlers to be toting guns in Britain, which has strict gun control laws and has banned over-the-counter sales of the weapons. But he said he does expect some butlers going overseas to get licenses and use their training.

The school, which recently added karate to its curriculum, runs several courses in London, one in the United States and it is starting another in Australia.

FORDENONE, Italy, Police said, they suspect members of the secretive Animals Liberation Front were behind a series of attacks on a mink farm near this northern city Friday morning and setting 600 animals free.

About 450 minks were captured by farm attendants in the countryside shortly after their dawn liberation.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the act, but police speculated it was the work by the front, an organisation of animal welfare supporters, which carried out a similar protest exactly one year ago.

The front leaders were charged last year after they made public their action in a television interview. (AP)

BURBANK, California: Hollywood friends of Bette Davis gathered at a movie studio to reminisce about the actress and pay tribute to her legacy of films.

More than 500 people attended the memorial service on a Warner Bros. sound stage. Miss Davis was associated with Warner Bros. for 18 years, though she often feuded with founder Jack Warner.

Miss Davis would fight for the roles she wanted in a time when actresses usually behaved — since studio chiefs considered them replaceable if they didn't, actor James Woods said.

"Bette Davis put herself on the line when she just didn't have to," in standing up for women's rights, Woods said.

Miss Davis died of cancer Oct 6 in Paris at age 81. (AP)

PARIS: Flery Russian-born dancer

Katell Navey will meet the head of the Paris Opera Ballet later this month, raising hopes that his contract dispute with the company might eventually be settled.

The 51-year-old dancer and director, who is insisting on new terms, agreed to meet French opera chairman Pierre Berge at the end of November, an opera spokesman said on Thursday.

Navey has directed the ballet since 1983. He met Berge in Paris on Tuesday but an opera spokesman said there had been no progress on the dispute. (Reuters)

LONDON: Actor Sir Laurence

Oliver, who died in July, left 1.3 million pounds (\$2.1 million) and a series of bequests to theatrical figures in his will published Friday.

He left his early edition of "Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'" to Sir John Gielgud, his longtime friend. Others named in the will were Sir John Gielgud, Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Lady Redgrave (actress Rachel Kempton) and Lady Meriel Richardson, the widow of Sir Ralph Richardson.

Oliver's collection of theatrical books and memorabilia is to be given in his name to several public libraries and collections, and a 1,000-pound (\$1,600) donation goes to the actor-benevolent fund. (AP)

U.S.S. Oklahoma: Its people

from the United States, Argentina, Japan, Canada, Britain and South Africa, have been recognised as "outstanding young persons of the world" by the Junior Chamber International.

The winners will be honoured at the JCI 44th world congress Nov 9, in Birmingham, England.

The awards are presented each year by JCI, a 425,000-member leadership-development organisation established in about 90 countries and territories. The US JCI, headquartered in Tulsa, is a member of JCI. (AP)

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Ortega speaking to a gathering of small businessmen in Managua Nov 3. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nicaraguan meeting at an impasse after refusals

Fierce fighting reported near Honduran borders

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov 4, (AP): Delays by both sides and Honduras' refusal to participate have scotched plans for a meeting between Nicaraguan rebels and Sandinista government representatives at UN headquarters.

Meanwhile, in remote Nicaraguan mountains and jungles, Soviet-made helicopters airlifted Sandinista troops for strikes against bands of rebels, known as Contras.

Nicaraguan Defence Ministry sources reported fighting in eight provinces, most of them in the north near the Honduran border. The sources said there were about 3,000 rebels in the area.

UN officials had said yesterday that the proposed

meeting — which would be the first between the rebels and the government in more than a year — was set for Monday and Tuesday.

But the rebels responded that they could not attend, and suggested a week's postponement, until Nov 13.

President Daniel Ortega, who had proposed the meeting when he announced that he was cancelling a 19-month-old ceasefire in Nicaragua's civil war, said he wanted to delay the meeting until Thursday and Friday. He also insisted that Honduran government officials take part.

Honduras, which had declined the invitation Wednesday, again refused.

"The problem of the anti-Sandinista rebels is Nicaragua's," Honduran Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez Contreras said late yesterday. "It is a conflict among Nicaraguans, and it corresponds to the Nicaraguans to resolve it."

A rebel source in Costa Rica said hundreds of Contra guerrillas were retreating to their camps across the border in Honduras.

"Our soldiers scarcely have any ammunition and can't confront an army as powerful as the Sandinistas that is using all of its force to annihilate us," the source said. He refused to be identified.

He said the guerrillas remaining in Nicaragua had been ordered to take cover in inaccessible places.

Nicaraguan Army Col Manuel Salvatierra, commander of troops in the northern provinces of Jinotega and Matagalpa, disputed the rebel claims, contending the Contras "have all they need to fight."

The Contras, although they are on the wrong side, are not so stupid as to infiltrate the country without weapons and without ammunition, Salvatierra said in Matagalpa.

He contended the guerrillas had devised a weapons stockpiling system before the United States cut off lethal aid to them in February 1988. The United States is still providing the Contras with non-lethal aid, which includes boots and uniforms.

Brazilian presidential election round the corner

De Mello leading the pack in poll

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov 4, (AP): Former Gov. Fernando Collor de Mello is leading all 22 candidates in the race for the presidency two weeks before the elections, according to a public opinion poll released yesterday.

The poll by the Datafolha Institute showed Collor de Mello, who has served as governor of Alagoas state, was the choice of 21 per cent of voters questioned nation-wide.

Only four candidates are given a chance to win the Nov 15 election and the Datafolha poll gave these figures for the three others.

Millionaire businessman Silvio Santos and

Luis Inacio Lula da Silva of the Marxist-oriented Workers' Party were tied for second with 14 per cent each. Leonel Brizola of the center-left Democratic Labour Party had 13 per cent.

A nation-wide poll released Thursday by the Gallup Institute gave Santos a 29.3 per cent rating. Right-centrist Collor de Mello received 18.6 per cent, Da Silva 10.6 per cent and Brizola 9.9 per cent, according to Gallup.

Santos, a conservative, had only declared his candidacy Tuesday and the Gallup results surprised many Brazilians. Collor de Mello had held a two-to-one advantage over his

nearest opponent for the past five months.

The Datafolha poll was carried by Globo TV, Brazil's largest network. It said 5,250 people in 141 cities were questioned between Wednesday and yesterday. The network did not report the margin of error.

The Gallup poll was reported by the newspaper O Estado de Sao Paulo and it said 4,722 people were interviewed between Oct 26, and Nov 1.

Globo TV said that in the Datafolha poll people were chosen at random and asked to choose from one of the 22 candidates listed on a circular disc.

Bogota bank hit by blast

BOGOTA, Nov 4, (Reuters): A small bomb damaged a bank in Bogota, police said today, while Colombian judges who say they are tired of being slaughtered by drug gangs pressed on with an indefinite strike.

The bomb containing four kg (nine pounds) of dynamite damaged walls and computers and blew in windows at the Banco Popular last night but no one was hurt. The bank is on the campus of the national university.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast but police said it formed part of a routine of almost daily bombings blamed on drug barons at war with the Colombian government.

The cocaine lords' bloody response to a police and army crackdown on the drug trade, launched in August, has been a string of nearly 200 bombings and two dozen killings, including those of two Medellin High Court magistrates.

Some 20,000 judges and judicial workers across the country stopped work yesterday to protest what they say is a government lack of protection and inactivity to their repeated pleas.

The stoppage, which the National Judicial Association (Asenal) said was 90 per cent effective, was called after Mariela Espinosa, a magistrate assigned to drug trafficking cases in Medellin, was murdered on Wednesday.

An Asenal spokesman said the organisation was seeking an audience with President Virgilio Barco and the Medellin of the attorney-general and the Roman Catholic church.

A resignation on mass of the country's 4,000 judges was not being ruled out. No end to the strike was expected until Tuesday, Monday being a public holiday in Colombia.

Asenal wants a special security fund established, bullet-proof vests issued and armoured cars and guards assigned to protect judges. "We are tired of promises, of being slaughtered," acting secretary-general Helmut Romero said.

More than 1,000 judges handling drug cases have received death threats.

The government suggested yesterday the construction of a "bunker" for Medellin's new court building but judges rejected the idea, saying justice had to remain accessible and visible.

The killing of Espinosa was widely interpreted as a retaliation for the expedition last weekend of the reputed number four man in the Medellin drug cartel, Jose Abello.

Cocaine cartels have threatened to kill 10 judges for every drug suspect extradited to the United States. Five have so far been extradited.



Show of unity

More than 50,000 people joined yesterday in an opposition-led peace march through downtown Lima, in defiance of a general strike called by Shining Path guerrillas.

In a show of unity, streams of people from opposition parties of the left and right marched from separate points to Grau Plaza in the city centre.

The government deployed thousands of soldiers and police patrols yesterday and hundreds of police lined the plaza where the demonstrators converged, chanting peace slogans and waving banners.

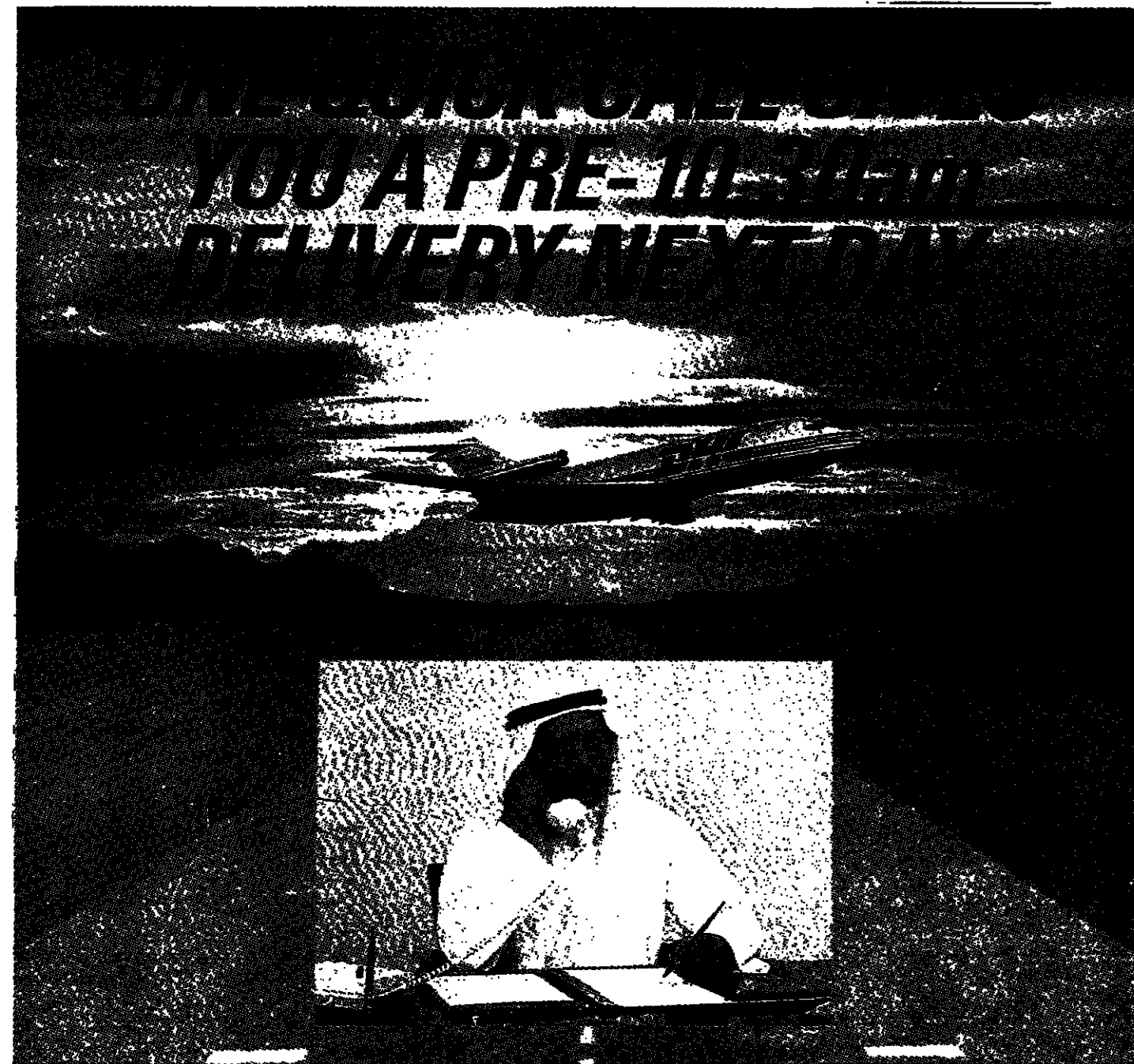
As an army helicopter patrolled overhead, the crowd observed a minute of silence for victims of terrorist violence before dispersing.

The march was organised by opposition parties fronting candidates in nationwide municipal elections on Nov 12 and next April's presidential elections. Organisers stressed the march was a peaceful civic event.

"It is very important that everyone attend the march with empty hands," presidential candidate Mario Vargas Llosa, a famed novelist, said before hand.

The march took place despite a call for an "armed strike" by Shining Path guerrillas, a term they use to threaten violence against people who don't observe the strike.

The armed strike yesterday was the third called by the rebels in Lima. The first, in October last year, was virtually ignored although another last July received some support in poorer districts of the city. (Reuters wirephoto)



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Judge ousted: The Senate yesterday removed US district judge Walter L. Nixon from the bench on impeachment charges stemming from a perjury conviction.

Nixon, from the southern state of Mississippi, was the second judge in two weeks removed from office.

Only two weeks ago the Senate ousted Alcee L. Hastings from the US district court bench in Miami, Florida. He was convicted of perjury and conspiracy to obtain a \$150,000 payoff. (AP)

Bakker arrives in Minnesota: Convicted con artist Jim Bakker arrived at the federal medical centre yesterday, where he has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for fleeing the faithful through his PTL Television ministry.

Bakker was convicted last month on 23 counts of fraud and one count of conspiracy in the sale of so-called lifetime partnerships at PTL.

He was ordered to begin serving the sentence immediately, although his attorneys filed an appeal of both the verdict and the failure of US district judge Robert Potter to release him on bond pending the appeal. (UPI)

Engineer loses lawsuit: A former engineer at the troubled Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant who was fired after repeatedly pointing out safety hazards there has lost his lawsuit against Rockwell International Corp.

Stone is credited with supplying some of the information that led to an FBI raid on Rocky Flats in June and a subsequent grand jury investigation into alleged waste storage and disposal violations. He said he would appeal the judge's decision.

Jefferson county district judge Kenneth Barnhill dismissed the lawsuit on Wednesday without submitting it to the jury, even though the jury had listed to a week of testimony. (AP)

O'Connor proposes: Cardinal John O'Connor has proposed creating a religious order he calls "the sisters of life," whose nuns would devote themselves to opposing abortion and euthanasia.

The cardinal made the proposal in his column in the Archdiocesan weekly newspaper, Catholic New York. Such an order's "total commitment will be to the cause of life as threatened by abortion and euthanasia," he wrote.

"We desperately need a full-time, totally dedicated body of such professionals to help do what a limited but growing number of legal and medical professionals are doing now on a necessarily restricted basis," he wrote. (AP)

Haitian rival leaders held: Three Haitian opposition leaders have been arrested on charges of plotting with former army officers to overthrow and assassinate Haitian President Prosper Avril, state-run television said yesterday.

A government statement read on Haitian television said the men, all leaders of a left-wing political coalition, were taken into custody at private homes on Wednesday and that a small arsenal of weapons and dynamite had been seized.

It said the coup had been planned for Thursday but was foiled before it started when a soldier who had been asked to place dynamite at strategic locations in the national palace reported the alleged plot to his superiors. (Reuters)

Canadian women allowed abortions: The Canadian government unveiled an abortion law yesterday that allows a woman to end her pregnancy at any time if a doctor believes her life or health is threatened.

The long-awaited legislation will fill the void created when the supreme court struck down a more restrictive law last year but will end what has become a practice of abortion on demand that resulted from the lack of an abortion law.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's government had promised new legislation since the previous law was declared unconstitutional in January last year by the supreme court of Canada. (Reuters)

Drug ring busted: Federal agents have announced the arrest of seven members of a drug ring authorities claim was responsible for much of the cocaine and marijuana shipped through Puerto Rico.

Jaime Echevarria, director of the Puerto Rican Office of the Drug Enforcement Agency, said the DEA also is seeking the arrest of 13 other suspected members of the ring, which he said was now dismantled.

Echevarria said one of the seven arrested in this West Coast town was Luis Hiram Ortiz, a rich rancher, whose property worth \$2 million and several hundred head of cattle were confiscated by federal authorities. (AP)

Cocaine seized: A man authorities say was involved in the smuggling of a record 21.4 tons of cocaine seized near Los Angeles has been charged with drug trafficking and weapons violations, news reports said.

At least 50 Federal police officers stormed a motel Wednesday in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, and arrested Rafael Munoz Talavera. Authorities say he led a ring that smuggled 60 tons of cocaine into the United States the past year, including the record amount found Sept 28.

Bombs damage Carranza's house: Two bombs damaged the home of the commander of a counterinsurgency battalion, but no one was injured, the officer said.

Col. Orlando Carranza blamed the attack yesterday on leftist rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, which has been at war with the government for a decade.

Carranza said his two young children, a servant and two of his security guards were in the house at the time of the blast. The explosions damaged the roof and broke windows but caused no injuries, he said. (AP)

Panel examines agent orange: A scientific advisory panel in Washington said yesterday that evidence neither confirms nor rules out an association between exposure to the ingredients of agent orange and a rare form of cancer.

The decision by the veterans advisory committee means veterans affairs secretary Edward J. Derwinski will determine whether veterans with non-Hodgkins lymphoma may receive disability payments.

Derwinski has indicated he will make such a determination in the next few weeks. Because of the way the new regulations are written, Derwinski may give veterans the benefit of the doubt as the result of such an inconclusive review. (AP)

CIA back in the game of toppling governments

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (Reuters): The director of the US Central Intelligence Agency has said a legal opinion would allow the agency to help in foreign coups as long as assassinating a political leader was not the explicit goal.

The opinion would not prohibit CIA aid to coup plotters who might accidentally kill someone, William Webster said in an interview in today's Washington Post.

He said the Justice Department provided Congress with a classified interpretation clarifying a 1976 order by the White House banning US

involvement in assassinations.

The ban on assassinations was cited by Bush administration supporters after the abortive coup attempt last month against Panama's military leader Manuel Noriega.

Critics charged that while the White House was full of anti-Noriega rhetoric, it took little action during the coup attempt.

Webster said the coup failed because its leaders thought they could "have an old-fashioned coup where people don't have to be hurt."

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Family held in drug bust

MILLERSVILLE, Maryland, Nov. 4 (AP): An air force lieutenant colonel assigned to the National Security Agency and his wife, an NSA psychologist, were arrested on drug-dealing charges when police raided their suburban Washington home.

The couple's son and daughter also were charged yesterday after police seized \$78,000 worth of illegal drugs, \$70,000 in cash, two machine-guns, an assault rifle, various shotguns, a motorcycle and a car from the Crofton home, said Joseph Bisesi, a spokesman for the Anne Arundel county police.

Russell James Hibler, 43, and Suzanne McCabe Hibler, 43, were charged with possession of the drugs with intent to distribute.

Russell Hibler, an air force lieutenant colonel, is a psychologist assigned to the National Security Agency and his wife is a civilian research psychologist with the NSA, an agency spokeswoman confirmed.

The son, James Todd Hibler, 21, was charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, hashish, and marijuana and unlawful possession of automatic weapons, Bisesi said. The daughter, Jessica Lynn Hibler, 19, also was charged with possession with intent to distribute, Bisesi said.

The elder Hiblers were released on personal recognizance at a hearing before a district court commissioner in Annapolis.

Their son, who also was charged with unlawful possession of automatic weapons, was ordered held on \$600,000 bond. Their daughter's bail was set at \$155,000.

In the raid shortly after midnight, police found 7 pounds (3.1 kilograms) of cocaine, 4 1-2 pounds (2 kilograms) of hashish and between 50 and 60 pounds (22.2 kilograms) of marijuana, Bisesi said. He said agents burst in upon Jessica Hibler, who was sitting on a couch in the basement and found as much as \$10,000 in bills stuffed in pants pockets around the house.

The raids came a "two-month investigation," Bisesi said. No undercover buys were involved in the probe, which mostly entailed surveillance of the family, he said.

Sgt. David E. Pressley, a supervisor for the county-wide narcotics section, said investigators had information on the alleged operation dating to 1987. The son had been the target of the investigation, and detectives were surprised to find how open the drug activities were inside the house, Bisesi said.

"There is no way the parents couldn't have known what was going on," a detective said.

The highly secret NSA, the nation's largest intelligence agency, has a work force of more than 60,000 employees and a budget of over \$10 billion. It is primarily responsible for eavesdropping on communications around the world, coding US communications and trying to crack the codes of foreign governments.

Police said military authorities also entered into the investigation because of the elder Hiblers' positions with NSA. The agency spokeswoman, who would not discuss the nature of the couple's duties, said their job status was "up in the air" until more information on the drug cases was in hand.

Dumping banned

LONDON, Nov. 4 (Reuters): Five of the world's six nuclear submarine-armed nations agreed yesterday to a voluntary ban on dumping their worn-out vessels at sea.

But India was not party to the agreement and Britain, which was insisted that its options were still open.

Officials of the International Maritime Organisation said 63 member countries had agreed to include nuclear-powered submarines in an existing moratorium on the dumping of low-level radioactive waste in the world's oceans.

The agreement was reached at a meeting of the London Dumping Convention (LDC), an international body which regulates the disposal of waste at sea.

Pan Beaver of Jane's Defence Weekly said six countries currently operate nuclear-powered submarines: The United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France, China and India.

CIA 'tipped' about Pan Am bomb but kept silent

Drug for hostage terrorists protected: report

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (Agencies): A US Congressman said yesterday that an insurance investigator's report convinced him the CIA remained silent after it had been tipped in advance that terrorists might attempt to blow up Pan Am's flight 103.

Congressman James Traficant said the report concluded the CIA was protecting a Frankfurt-to-New York heroin smuggling operation operated by the terrorists, in exchange for contacts that might lead to the release of US hostages.

The CIA immediately denied Traficant's charges and labelled the report as "nonsense." The Congressman said he had not checked the report with the CIA in advance of his meeting with reporters.

Traficant, a Democrat who ran a short-lived campaign for president "fishing exercise" to try to shift blame for the disaster.

"We have not seen the report," Rep. Traficant has described, "said CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield. 'The allegations it makes, however, are nonsense.'"

Traficant said the report detailed a complicated web of plots and connections involving hostages, spies, bombers and drug-runners.

Among the claims in the report is that West German intelligence agents told CIA agents in Frankfurt about an hour before flight 103 departed that they suspected a bomb may have been enclosed in a specific suitcase, Traficant said.

The report says CIA agents told their superiors in Washington about the suspicion, got no response and the suitcase was allowed on the plane undisturbed, Traficant told a news conference.

"Whether or not they contacted CIA here I don't know. The report says they did," Traficant said. "The bottom line is ... I think the CIA knew."

"Was it a CIA rogue group? I don't know," he said. "My charge is the CIA was covering up a drug run from Frankfurt to New York, trying to penetrate information on the hostages."

"Scotland Yard had found specific bomb-proof types of luggage whose contents were intact," Traficant said.

Traficant said the 27-page report concluded the bombing was ordered by Ahmed Jibril of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, working through arms and drug smuggler Mouzer Al Kassir.

Pan Am has subpoenaed documents relating to Al Kassir. Traficant said the report said Al Kassir had a relationship with a CIA unit referred to as CIA One and the relationship provided the CIA with terrorist contacts in exchange for undisturbed transit of heroin into the United States.

"I think Jibril wanted to make a terrorist statement in response to the (US-downed Iranian) commercial airliner," Traficant said. "He uncovered the insulated drug route, Frankfurt to New York. He then decided to supply and use a bomb instead of that drug route, unbeknown to even Kassir."

"The CIA used a very weird means to a tragic end," Traficant said, reading from a report that he said included names, addresses and bank account numbers in several countries.

Traficant said West German agents working with the CIA had been monitoring a widespread drug-smuggling route without interfering with it.

"As they realised the extent of the operation they decided to channel the operation into less numerous areas so that they could concentrate their surveillance focus," he said. Arrests and a stepped-up police presence at the German airports moved the drugs activity to Frankfurt, he said.

West German intelligence and the CIA then began videotaping baggage areas at the airport and noticed when baggage handlers known to be working with the drug ring switched to a different type of suitcase just weeks after warnings about bombs directed at US flights.



Report on Pan Am

George Williams, who lost a relative in the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, listens to a report that Israeli intelligence notified US officials that the flight was a terrorist target. (Reuters wirephoto)

in 1988, read from what he said was a report prepared by an investigator hired by Pan Am's insurance underwriter. He refused to make the report available to inspection by reporters and declined to say why.

The report claims the CIA had pinpointed the location of the eight US citizens held captive in Lebanon and that several of its agents were on flight 103 along with evidence that may have survived the explosion, Traficant said.

The plane exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, last December, killing all 259 people on board and 11 others on the ground.

Pan Am is being sued for more than \$300 million in connection with the disaster. The Independent newspaper in London this week quoted lawyers for families of flight 103 victims as saying Pan Am was on a



Space-bound?

The Duchess of York told Johnson Space Centre officials Friday she would like to travel in space and promptly was invited to take part in a mission by the centre's acting director.

Although NASA officials admitted the invitation was made in jest, they said they were impressed by the former Sarah Ferguson's knowledge of aviation and the depth of

her questions about the space shuttle. The duchess has a helicopter pilot's licence.

Fergie then went to JSC, where she spent about 90 minutes, touring a mock-up of the space station Freedom, sitting in the pilot's seat of a shuttle trainer and touring mission control.

Meeting on global warming

Accord hits snag before start

THE HAGUE, Nov. 4 (Reuters): The United States, Britain and Japan objected today to a draft accord to be put to a 60-nation conference on global warming, Dutch officials said.

They raised their objections in preliminary, lower-level talks before the ministerial conference opening on Monday, Dutch Environment Ministry spokesman Ferry Heijbroek said.

The Dutch, the conference hosts, are pressing ministers to commit their countries to stabilising emissions of carbon dioxide and other so-called

greenhouse gases by the year 2000 and to seeking 20 per cent reductions by 2005.

"It is possible some countries won't sign the declaration... we hope they will still be persuaded," he told Reuters by telephone from Noordwijk, the conference venue.

Other officials suggested the agreement would be made more vague to reach a consensus. Japan insists it is already doing far more than other countries to try to cut excess carbon dioxide emissions, caused largely by burning fossil fuels.

Bombs explode near homes of proponents of Catalanian independence

BARCELONA, Spain, Nov. 4 (AP): Three bombs went off today outside a private clinic and the homes of two left-wing proponents of Catalanian independence, causing damages but no injuries, a provincial spokesman said.

The spokesman of the Barcelona province civil governor's office said no group had claimed responsibility for the bombings, and it had not been determined whether the blasts were linked.

The spokesman, who asked not to be identified,

said the first bombing took place just before 4 am (0300 GMT) outside an apartment building in Manresa, a town 40 kilometres (24.8 miles) north of Barcelona.

The spokesman, who was not identified under standing rules, said the blast damaged the door and hallway of an apartment building in which the radical Catalanian Nationalist Organisation Movement of the Earth (Moviment de la Terra) maintains an office.

About 20 minutes later, a bomb explosion

ripped through offices and a hallway of the private medical clinic Dexeus in Barcelona, knocking down doors and shattering at least 30 windows. Clinic personnel reported no injuries and said the clinic's health care area was not affected, the spokesman said.

At 5 am (0400 GMT), the third bomb exploded in the doorway of an apartment building in the Barcelona suburb of Sant Boi de Llobregat, 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) south of the city, the spokesman said.

Britain says no to talks with IRA

BELFAST, Nov. 4 (Reuters): Britain has ruled out talks with Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, in a bid to defuse a row over comments by Northern Ireland Minister Peter Brooke.

Brooke, in an interview on Friday, said Britain may never be able to inflict military defeat on the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and he raised the possibility of talks with the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, if the violence stopped.

Brooke's comments, marking his first 100 days in office, provoked howls of protest from Unionist politicians representing the province's one-million-strong Protestant majority.

Jim Paisley, Northern Ireland's fiery Protestant preacher-politician, angrily dismissed any suggestion of British talks with Sinn Fein. "It is treachery and surrender," he said.

The British government last held talks with Sinn Fein in the mid 1970s which led to a brief IRA ceasefire.

Imaginative

Asked whether he would contemplate new talks if the IRA guerrilla campaign was halted, Brooke said: "I hope that the government at that stage would be imaginative in how it responded. I hope that the British government would be sufficiently flexible."

The Northern Ireland office at Belfast's Stormont Castle sought to quell the row on Friday night with a long statement on British government policy on the guerrilla campaign that has killed almost 3,000 people in 20 years.

"Sinn Fein supports violence and ministers will have no dealings with it. The government maintains its determination to defeat terrorism," the statement said.

An olive branch was also extended to the Unionists, a key component in any future moves towards local power-sharing in the province now ruled directly by London.

It added: "Ministers continue to seek constructive discussions with and between political parties who reject violence. Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom by the democratic choice of a majority living there."

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams welcomed the "moderate tone" of Brooke's remarks but said: "We do not accept the placing of any preconditions upon talks between Sinn Fein and the British government."



Mitsotakis waves to supporters during a music concert. (Reuters wirephoto)

Polls show no clear majority

Greek elections

ATHENS, Nov. 4 (AP): The latest opinion polls indicate that no party will achieve an overall majority in tomorrow's national elections, raising the possibility of another coalition government or yet another round of voting.

The two major parties ended their campaigning yesterday with rallies and music. The conservative New Democracy Party staged a concert at the Olympic Stadium in Athens, and former premier Andreas Papandreu addressed a rally of Panhellenic Socialist Movement, or Pasok, supporters in the northern city of Salonica.

The latest opinion poll, released yesterday afternoon, indicated that New Democracy will fall just short of a majority in the 300-member unicameral parliament.

National elections in June also failed to produce a parliamentary majority and the country was led by an unusual conservative-leftist coalition until early October.

Panayote Dimitras, who heads the Eurodim Company that conducted the poll, said that with four per cent of the undecided included, the polls showed a slight increase in support for New Democracy and Pasok from the June elections.

He estimated New Democracy would get 46 per cent of the vote tomorrow, Pasok about 40 per cent with the remainder going to the communist-led coalition of the left and progress.

The coalition gained 13 per cent in the June election and played the role of kingmaker when New Democracy, with 44.25 per cent, beat Pasok out of

office but failed to gain an overall majority.

The conservative-leftist alliance succeeded in having Papandreu and five former ministers indicated by parliament in September for alleged complicity in scandals during their eight years in power.

The leftist-conservative alliance had a mandate only to investigate the allegations of scandals involving members of the former Pasok administration. The alliance handed power to a caretaker government on Oct. 7, shortly after Papandreu and his ministers were indicted.

New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis expressed confidence that his party would win an outright majority tomorrow. His party advocates closer ties with the West than does Papandreu's and the confronting of a stagnant economy.

■ Greek women, who have elbowed their way into the male-dominated world of 'Greek politics, are out to show they are there to stay.

Their black-clad grandmothers would hardly recognise the elegant Greek women campaigning for the 300-seat parliament in tomorrow's election.

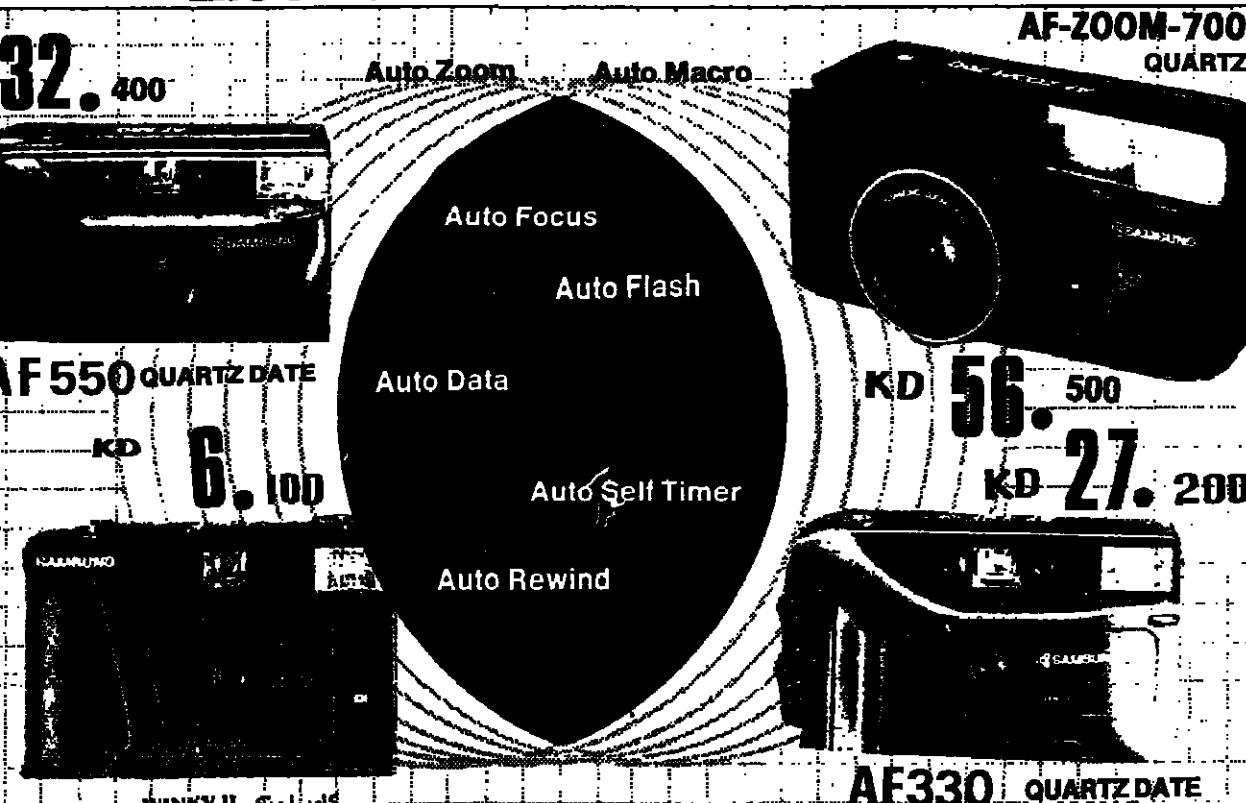
"The last and most important male stronghold in Greece is politics," said the Greek president of the International Alliance of Women, Alice Yotopoulos Marangopoulos.

Since 1953, when the first woman was elected to parliament, Greek women have fought hard to become mayors, prefects and ministers, and to raise the number of women deputies to 13.

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Europe jittery over prospect of one Germany

BONN, Nov 4, (AP): Although both superpowers profess to have no fears of a reunited Germany, Europeans on both sides of the East-West divide are growing increasingly nervous at the prospect of a German giant in their midst.

Nato and Warsaw Pact lawmakers who met here this week to discuss political changes that are altering their relations indicated that Europe may be

more comfortable with the status quo of two Germanys.

East Germany's new leader, Egon Krenz, quashed the prospect of a reunited Germany in the near future when he told reporters in Moscow that two separate German nations are "an integral part of the stability of Europe."

But West German officials and scholars say the mass demonstrations sweeping the communist state could

some day lead to the kinds of reforms that would allow the East Germans to reconsider their separate status.

French President Francois Mitterrand predicted yesterday, after his two-day visit to Bonn, that the issue of reunification "will dominate the end of the century."

The East German state under Communist Party control "has never been accepted by the people," said Burkhard

Dobies, head of the German Policy Department of the Federal Inter-German Affairs Ministry in Bonn. "If they decided that as Germans they would like to be with us, for instance, we have to accept that. This is in our constitution."

Dobies' comments came during a three-day discussion between lawmakers from East and West sponsored by the North Atlantic Assembly, an adv-

isory body to Nato.

The long-dormant idea of a reunited Germany has been revitalised in recent months by the flight of tens of thousands of East Germans disillusioned with conditions in their country.

The developments in East Germany and the consequences for a reunited Germany were focal points of Mitterrand's talks with Chancellor Helmut

Kohl.

"No responsible politician in Europe can ponder the future without taking this into consideration," Mitterrand said of the reunification debate. "It is a phenomenon that will dominate the end of this century."

"It will go quickly, very quickly, but maybe not so quickly as many would like," the French President added.

Russia, US end cold war formally

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 4, (Reuters): The United States and the Soviet Union yesterday co-sponsored a resolution at the United Nations in a gesture to mark the end of cold war rhetoric waged on the floor of the world body for so many years.

The General Assembly resolution is the first joint document from the two superpowers that calls on all nations to respect human rights and abandon the use of force except in self-defence.

While diplomats expect the resolution itself to have little effect, the fact it was drawn up with great fanfare signalled a commitment to the organisation by both countries.

It also officially sanctions the end of an era of confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, which has receded in recent years, largely due to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of "glasnost" or openness.

However, the first doubts were raised by the Arab League's representative at the United Nations within hours of the American-Soviet joint news conference.

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud questioned whether agreement between the superpowers would pre-empt input from Third World countries.

Noting that the United States and the Soviet Union wanted to depoliticise UN proceedings, he asked whether it was polemical to condemn South Africa or Israel's actions in the occupied territories.

In a joint statement, US Assistant Secretary of State John Bolton and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said: "Perhaps the most important thing about this resolution is not its specific language, but what it symbolises as a new beginning at the United Nations — a new spirit of constructive co-operation."

"We hope that it may offer an example to other member states that it is possible to set aside tendentious polemics that have been too common in the United Nations in the past."

A million march in Berlin protest

GDR leaders asked to quit

BERLIN, Nov 4, (AP): As many as a million protesters swarmed around East Berlin's Alexanderplatz today to protest censorship and repression, a day after Communist Party chief Egon Krenz promised a major leadership shakeup.

Opposition leaders were cheered and party officials booed and whistled as they addressed the huge crowd from a platform mounted on a truck.

Police and pro-democracy activists said the demonstration sprawled across the city centre and may have drawn up to 1 million people, though no precise estimate could be made.

One of the biggest cheers went up when a non-communist politician repeated his demand for the resignation of the entire East German leadership.

The call came from Manfred Gerlach, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, which has led the drive for more independence by the four small parties that were closely affiliated with the communists.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Impotence cure: Nitroglycerine, a drug used to treat heart disease, may help cure sexual impotence in men, according to studies at a Canadian hospital.

Robbed into the skin it dilates the blood vessels and improves erections, but too much can cause headaches, Dr James Owen of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario said yesterday.

The drug was tested on patients with psychological and physical impotence and the results were equally good.

But the results came from tests in the laboratory, with the help of an erotic video. "We have very little data on how this will work in the field, in a domestic situation," he said.

Murder ruled out: The mysterious death of Yu Teng-Fa, a pioneer in Taiwan's political opposition movement, was the result of an accident and not a case of murder, a government statement said today.

An autopsy report showed Yu split an old wood in the head and bled to death when he slipped and fell to the floor, according to a statement of the Kaohsiung district court, 360 kilometres (216 miles) south of Taipei.

Yu was found dead Sept 13 in a house where he had been living alone. He was 66.

Police announced that he had been murdered.

Yu's relatives and members of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party have suggested he was the victim of a murder plot by the ruling Nationalist Party.

The Yu family has dominated Kaohsiung politics for the past three decades. (AP)

Youths suffocated to death: Two Swiss teenagers who had apparently sneaked into an unused Italian train carriage to sleep were killed today when fire swept through it, police said.

The youths, named as Marco Malici and Michael Riesen, both 17 slipped into the carriage in a siding at Milan station to sleep for the night on their way home from a holiday in Italy.

Police said they suffocated when smoke from a fire that started accidentally further down the carriage filled their compartment. (Reuters)

US scientists share award: American scientists Dr Lance A. Liotta and Dr Isaiah J. Fidler have won the 1989 Dr Josef Steiner Cancer Research Award, the Steiner Foundation announced yesterday.

They will share 400,000 Swiss francs (\$250,000) to be reinvested in cancer research of their choice. This was stipulated in the will of the founder of the award, a wealthy Swiss pharmacist who died in 1983.

Dr Liotta's group from the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland "discovered a series of five proteins and their associated genes which stimulate and suppress key steps in the process by which tumour cells invade normal tissue and spread in the body," the foundation said in a statement.

Dr Fidler, from the University of Texas Cancer Centre, was honoured for his pioneer work in metastasis research, finding that metastasis is the result of the selective outgrowth of few but specialised tumour cells, the statement said. (AP)

Maradona ties the knot

Wedding to rival those of richest

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 4, (Reuters): Diego Maradona, who rose from a slum to become one of the world's highest paid soccer players, leaves bachelorhood behind next week with a wedding to rival those of Argentina's richest scions.

Some 1,200 guests will gather on Tuesday at the city's largest boxing stadium for the feast marking the formalisation of the 29-year-old star's relationship with his common-law wife, Claudia Villafane, by whom he has two daughters.

Recent wedding parties for heirs of cement and farming fortunes, held in more lavish surroundings than the cavernous Luna Park stadium, also included President Carlos Menem on his guest list. But certainly none of those grooms had ever played soccer with Menem, as Maradona has.

Over the past week the Argentine media has gushed details of the wedding, billing it, "the marriage of the century."

Maradona, who led Argentina to victory in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, is going all out for his marriage, after five years of happy cohabitation with Villafane, who is 28.

Asked earlier this year why he was marrying Villafane after so many years of living out of wedlock, Maradona snapped: "It's to shut the mouths of those who speak behind Claudia's back because she supposedly lives in sin with me."

He is expected to arrive from Italy a day before the wedding on a chartered jet with 250 guests, including players from his Italian club Napoli and friends from Spain. Another chartered jet will



File photo of Maradona with daughter Daina. (Reuters wirephoto)

fly in friends and family from his parents' native province of Corrientes.

Out-of-town guests will stay in suites and at two luxury hotels of the Argentine capital.

His first choice was to be wedded in Buenos Aires' cathedral, but when it proved too complicated he settled for a posh Roman Catholic church in the city centre.

The huge boxing stadium, offered to him by the owner as a wedding gift, will be draped with 15,000 metres of grey, black and white cloth and decorated with 4,000 plants.

As he moved up the ranks of professional soccer, winning international fame, Maradona never left his adolescent girl-

friend or his family behind.

The couple met nearly 13 years ago, just after Maradona turned professional, in a tenement house where Villafane's father had a flat.

The couple then began living in a flat lent to them in the same building as members of the Argentine Juniors club, so Maradona would not have to commute from his parents' home in a slum of Buenos Aires.

The couple's honeymoon in Argentina will be brief, because Maradona must report back to his club on Thursday.

The stocky, 1.64-metre (five foot three inches) Maradona, joined Napoli in 1984 after playing for Spanish club Barcelona

and was named player of the year in 1985. He has since moved to the Italian club Juventus.

Other banners challenged the leading role of the Communist Party and supported "life without secret police terror."

Scores of apartment dwellers draped pro-democracy banners from their balconies along the march route and applauded protesters.

Severely elderly East Berliners wept as marchers passed by.

Krenz announced last night in a televised speech that five members of East Germany's ruling Politburo would step down during a party central committee meeting.

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History in the making

One million people took part in East Berlin demonstrations yesterday carrying banners calling for reforms during the first officially approved rally in history of East Germany. (Reuters wirephoto)

3 die in Kosovo ethnic violence

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Nov 4, (AP): Security forces in Yugoslavia's troubled province of Kosovo yesterday braced for more rallies by ethnic Albanians after at least three people were reported killed in earlier clashes with police.

The fresh wave of unrest in Kosovo, Yugoslavia's poorest region, was sparked by the trial of the province's popular former communist chief, Azem Vllasi, and 14 other leaders of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority.

Jusuf Karakasi, Kosovo's police chief, said that security forces "found two dead terrorists" when they entered the basement of a high-rise building in which a group of gunmen had barricaded themselves Thursday afternoon.

Earlier, sources who requested anonymity told the Associated Press that four people were killed in a six-hour shootout between the police and the gunmen.

The Belgrade Borsla daily, however, said that two people were killed and one seriously wounded in the clash. The state news agency Tanjug reported simply that "the majority" of at least four barricaded men were dead.

Police disclosed on Thursday that an ethnic Albanian identified as Bedri Soklija was shot and killed on Wednesday night when about 1,000 demonstrators took to the streets in Pristina.

Sources close to the police said security forces throughout the province neighbouring communist Albania were put on extra alert.

Fearing more unrest by the ethnic Albanian majority in the province, many police were on the streets of most Kosovo towns, which have for the past five days been the scene of violent clashes between demonstrators and security forces.

Riot policemen wearing helmets and bullet-proof vests and carrying sub-machine-guns patrolled downtown Pristina.

Trial opened last Monday for Vllasi and 14 other defendants on charges of engaging in "counter-revolutionary activity" to win Kosovo's independence from Yugoslavia.

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Gorby becoming neo-right: Yeltsin

'Opposition gagged'

MOSCOW, Nov 4, (AP): Maverick politician Boris Yeltsin launched a frontal attack yesterday on President Mikhail Gorbachev, accusing him of taking "on the role of tyrant-conservative in the Soviet leadership."

Referring to a hardline Politburo member, Yeltsin said, "if before, Yegor Ligachev was at the head of the right, now it has become Gorbachev."

Yeltsin, who claimed he is virtually banned from television

and the Soviet press, made the accusation before an overflow crowd of more than 1,000 people at a public forum for leaders of the Soviet parliament's opposition faction.

He also charged that at least four lavish dachas, costing "tens of millions of roubles" (dollars), have been built in recent years for Gorbachev.

Gorbachev has acknowledged one such summer home was built on the Black Sea, but he insisted it was for his use only while in office and would not remain his personal vacation spot.

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Khmer fear offensive on city

BANGKOK, Nov 4, (AP): The Khmer Rouge fighters claim the Cambodian government, aided by Vietnamese troops and Soviet advisers, is planning an offensive to recapture a key city and a major highway into the country's gem-mining centre.

The city, Pailin, was seized Oct 22 by Khmer Rouge guerrillas, who since have claimed a string of victories in their most potent push of the 11-year-old war in Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge claim to have killed or wounded 17,200 Vietnamese and Cambodian government troops in the last six months and put 11,000 others "out of action."

The statement was issued by Son Sen, commander-in-chief of the Khmer Rouge military, and read over the clandestine guerrilla radio.

Meanwhile, a broadcast from the Phnom Penh government said 470 guerrillas who have been captured last month in the north-western province of Banteay Meanchey were presented to diplomats and foreign reporters in the Cambodian capital on Thursday.

That broadcast said 116 guerrillas were killed and 88 others wounded in fighting with the province's police and militia forces. The casualties were inflicted on fighters from all three resistance groups fighting the government, the broadcast said.

The Khmer Rouge communiqué said that over the past three months, the Soviet Union had shipped 49,000 tons of arms and ammunition through the Cambodian port of Kompong Son to its allies and last month Soviet advisers flew to the western city of Battambang to plan a counter-attack against the Khmer Rouge.

Battambang, the country's second largest city, is a major target of the Khmer Rouge drive, which began with the capture of Pailin, located to the southwest along the Thai-Cambodian border.

The guerrillas claim to have moved up towards Battambang along Route 10 and attacked Highway 5, which connects the city of Phnom Penh.

Western analysts regard Khmer Rouge battlefield claims as exaggerated and sometimes false. However, there has been general confirmation of the fall of Pailin and some other recent successes.

The communist Khmer Rouge are loosely allied with two non-communist groups fighting the pro-Hanoi government in Cambodia. The purported Khmer Rouge victories have raised fears that a military success by the guerrillas could plunge Cambodia into a reign of terror similar to the 1975-78, when the Khmer Rouge held power.

Britain's main opposition Labour Party was today stepping up its pressure on the Thatcher government over claims that British soldiers have trained troops fighting alongside the "infamous" Khmer Rouge in Cambodia.

The People's Daily quoted Li today as telling government delegates from China's minority regions that unrest in May and June showed the need for vigilance.

"From the unrest and turmoil this year we learned a very great lesson," Li was quoted as saying. "This is that certain countries have not given up their efforts to subvert our socialist system."

Senior leader Deng Xiaoping this week accused the United States of being deeply involved in the May and June unrest.

Li did not name any country but added: "They have many weapons in their arsenal and one of them is destroying our ethnic unity."

Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin was quoted as telling the same officials during a meeting at Beijing's Great Hall of the People yesterday that some people who had fled China were continuing separatist efforts.

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Heroic uprising: the longest war against enemy

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (Kuna): The heroic uprising of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied lands against the racist Zionist entity is on the verge of celebrating its third anniversary after it has proved to the world that it is a real continuous war waged by the Palestinian people in preservation of their national identity and the Arab dignity.

The people of Palestine, on this occasion, are no more in need of rhetorical commendation from the Arabs, what they actually need is an end to this Arab apathy towards the Zionist elimination war against the

Palestinians.

It's high time for the Arabs to rid themselves of such prevalent apathetic and egoistic attitudes in connection with the Palestinian intifada, and to move forward in active support of the Palestinian steadfastness and struggle.

The Palestinian people fought the longest war with the Israeli invasion army in 1982, and heroically resisted armed-to-teeth Zionist troops in Lebanon, while some parties were waiting for an end to the Palestinian revolution.

The Palestinians, however, emerged

victorious in that war, exactly as Iraq was able to achieve victory in the Gulf war.

Not only do the Palestinian people fight for their national rights, but also struggle for obstructing the Zionist cancerous octopus from expanding into the Arab homeland.

Since the outbreak of the intifada the Arab people of Palestine have sacrificed about 1000 martyrs, 46,000 wounded, 6000 handicapped, 56,000 prisoners and more than 300 houses blown up and demolished under the Israeli collective punishment policy.

All indicators materialise an unequivocal evidence that the uprising will not come to an end while much ado is raised outside the occupied land about futile initiatives and infertile dialogues.

Simultaneously, the course of the uprising demonstrates that the Palestinian people in the occupied land seem to have nothing to do with such moves because they have been aware that power-void initiatives are incapable of restoring land from a Zionist, expansionist entity.

Figures show that the Zionist enemy

gained approximately \$37 billion from its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza for 22 years, but in the two years of the Palestinian uprising Israeli losses exceeded \$22 billion, in addition to \$500,000 as daily payments in return for keeping the occupation troops on full and permanent alert.

The question which now imposes itself strongly is that if the Palestinians have offered such great sacrifices in their struggle against the Zionist occupation, what have the Arabs extended in support of the ongoing uprising and in assisting the Palestin-

ians to achieve freedom and independence.

A bird's eye view of the volume of Arab assistance shows how far the outcome is disappointing.

The PLO has declared time and again that the majority of Arab countries who endorsed the resolutions of the last two Arab extraordinary summits in Algeria and Casablanca have not paid their financial quotas determined by the summits, while the PLO needs one million dollars per day to make up for the losses sustained by the Palestinians in the occupied land.

The PLO said in this respect that it has been suffering from a \$13-million deficit per month as the Israeli entity has been receiving billions of dollars from the US, Western countries and Zionist organisations.

Observers can easily conclude that a few of the Arab countries abode by their pan-Arab obligations towards the uprising, while the increasing Zionist repression and economic siege should urge all the Arab countries to live up to their responsibilities in backing the intifada.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Drastic action

ANKARA, Nov 4, (UPI): Turkey has taken "drastic action" against the United States to drive home that it was sensitive to a US Senate move to summarise an alleged genocide of Armenians in the last years of the Ottoman empire, officials said yesterday.

Last week Turkey imposed restrictions on US military bases operating on Turkish soil after the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 8-6 to summarise the massacre of Armenians in eastern Anatolia between 1915 and 1923.

The Senate proposal, sponsored by Republican Senator Robert Dole, would set April 24, 1990 as memorial day for the massacres.

UN relief

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 4, (AP): More than 2,000 families made homeless by the earthquake in Algeria this week will receive about \$400,000 worth of tents and other emergency housing supplies donated by UN, officials said.

The UN disaster relief organisation is organising the airlift of supplies including 200 tents that can house 15 people each, 10,000 blankets, 500 rolls of plastic sheeting and other housing supplies, said UN spokesman Francois Giliand.

Palestinian held

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 4, (Reuters): An Israeli naval patrol seized three Palestinians from a vessel heading for the Lebanese port of Sidon yesterday, an army spokesman said.

The three were taken to Israel for questioning as suspects, the spokesman said. Two other Palestinians were allowed to proceed with the craft toward Sidon. No shots were fired in the incident, he said.

Blast in Hebron

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 4, (Reuters): Eight members of a Palestinian family were injured today when an explosion ripped through the town of Hebron, the occupied West Bank town of Hebron.

The cause of the explosion was unclear. Palestinian sources said Israeli soldiers or Jewish settlers threw a hand grenade at the house, but the army said Palestinians were apparently making a bomb which exploded in a yard outside.

Israel condemned

PARIS, Nov 4, (Reuters): Israel was condemned at the UN conference in Paris yesterday for alleged alterations to Jerusalem's historic sites.

The general conference passed a motion saying it "vehemently deplores the fact that the cultural heritage and traditional historic sites of the city of Jerusalem are still undergoing alterations as a result of the Israeli occupation."

Prisoners freed

TUNIS, Nov 4, (Reuters): Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali has freed an opposition leader jailed for insulting him and two politicians close to former president Habib Bourguiba, official sources said today.

They said the politicians — Jalloul Azouma, Mansour Sakhri and Mahmoud Belhassine — were among 1,354 prisoners freed under a presidential pardon to mark Ben Ali's second anniversary as head of state.

Khaddafi assails

ROME, Nov 4, (AP): Col Muammar Khaddafi has assailed the US-Soviet decision to hold a shipboard summit in the Mediterranean, saying it could be viewed as "naval muscle flexing."

Libya's official Jana news agency said today.

"This much publicised meeting will be alarming to the peoples of the Mediterranean," the agency quoted the Libyan leader as saying. He said he supported a meeting of the leaders of the major powers but objected to the location and form.



PLO leader Yasser Arafat (centre) discusses with Jawid Al Ghossein, a member of Executive Committee during their meeting in Cairo. On left is Sheikh Abdel Hamid Al Sayeh, head of the PNC. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lawmakers defy house dissolution

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ment. So any decree he issues is illegitimate. He will not be able to prevent us from electing a president."

Hussein flew to Paris to bring back 25 lawmakers, most of them Christians, to attend the session.

They went there from Saudi Arabia after Aoun branded them traitors and threatened to "punish" them. So did Iranian-backed Shiite extremists.

The security situation deteriorated at the line-dividing the two sections of the Lebanese capital this afternoon.

Security sources recorded several clashes by heavy machine-guns on the Briemo-Berjawi-Ras Emeh's axis with several missiles exchanged from point to point.

The sources could not detail the casualties, saying the fighting and shelling were unrelenting.

Aoun's supporters today called a general strike that paralysed the Christian enclave north of Beirut.

Syria today renewed its calls for the removal of Aoun after he tried to block the election of a new president.

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Tehran shows US spies at rally

TEHRAN, Iran, Nov 4, (AP): Iranian authorities displayed seven alleged US spies in the former American embassy compound today to mark the nation's seizure by revolutionary militants 10 years ago.

The state-run Tehran Radio reported that Iranians chanting "Death to America" celebrated with "great rallies throughout the country."

But amid efforts by anti-Western radicals to whip up anti-US passions at a planned rally outside the compound in downtown Tehran, only a few score people had gathered two hours before the demonstration was due to start.

Western and Third World diplomats believe the radicals seek to use the anniversary of the embassy seizure Nov 4, 1979, to stir anti-American sentiment to challenge efforts by President Hashemi Rafsanjani, leader of Iran's so-called moderates, to improve Tehran's links with the West.

The main speaker at the rally will be former Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, Rafsanjani's leading rival among the hardliners who fear boosting relations with the West will undermine the Islamic revolution.

The government had earlier been apparently trying to keep ceremonies marking the anniversary as low-key as possible.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that Rafsanjani, met with officials in charge of rebuilding the southern city of Khorramshahr, badly damaged in the 8-year war with Iraq, and told them Iranians "energy must be used for reconstruction... among the most effective ways of combatting arrogance."

Rafsanjani noted that "the sentiments of the people on this day against the rapacity of arrogance, once again shows that they are on the scene, as they were in the first days of the revolution."

US faults Syria for inaction

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (Reuters): The United States yesterday criticised Syria for failing to take action against terrorists in its country, including a radical Palestinian group believed responsible for the bombing of a Pan Am flight over Scotland.

State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said US officials had discussed last December's bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 with Syria in recent weeks, as they had with other countries with knowledge about terrorist groups.

"The United States has repeatedly expressed concern, both publicly and privately, about terrorist groups supported by Syria, including the PFLP General Command," he said.

According to published reports, US officials believe that the PFLP-GC, which is based in Damascus and headed by Ahmed Jibril, was behind the bomb that brought the plane down over Lockerbie, Scotland, with the loss of 270 lives. No charges have been filed.

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PLO reviews Baker formula

Mubarak, Arafat to confer again

CAIRO, Nov 4, (AP): With a US peace plan high on its agenda, the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation met twice today, in strict secrecy.

Members began the second meeting at noon (1000 GMT), 11 hours after a preliminary session ended in an official palace of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The Executive Committee sat at a long green baize-covered table with Arafat at its head, the red, green, black and white flag of the PLO in front of him and a picture of Mubarak on the wall behind him.

PLO officials would say nothing publicly about the sessions. But Cairo's state-owned weekly newspaper Al-Akhar Al-Yom quoted Arafat as saying yesterday the committee was discussing "new peace proposals" by US Secretary of State James Baker.

His use of the word "new" appeared to indicate the committee had on the table Baker's redraft of his plan to arrange a dialogue between Israel and a Palestinian delegation, which he sent to Egypt and Israel during the last week.

Baker's five-point plan aims at organising the dialogue as a step towards elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. The voting, proposed by Israel, would be to choose Palestinians to negotiate with representatives of the Jewish state on interim autonomy in the two territories pending a final settlement.

Neither the original Baker proposal, presented almost a month ago, nor the redraft has been released officially. Reports from Jerusalem said the redraft meets some of Israel's objections to PLO involvement in the dialogue and to discussion of subjects other than elections.

The PLO has not taken a final position on the Baker plan, although some of its leaders have said recently that it is unacceptable. Egyptian and PLO spokesmen

Mubarak.

It was the first time in more than 12 years that the PLO's 15-member ruling body, headed by its chairman, Yasser Arafat, met in Cairo. The session showed how close Egypt and the PLO have become since they reconciled after a seven-year rift caused by Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

UN to discuss Israeli atrocity

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 4, (Reuters): The Security Council will meet on Monday at the request of the Arab group to consider the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories, council members said after private consultations yesterday.

The Arab group asked for the meeting after a six-week siege by the Israeli Army of the village of Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem, whose inhabitants refused to pay taxes as part of the 23-month-long Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

After the village was cordoned off Israeli tax collectors confiscated furniture and goods worth about \$1.5 million.

Council sources said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative had earlier this week sought a council statement condemning Israel's actions, rather than a debate.

But after the United States raised objections to the proposed text the Arab group decided to call for a formal council meeting instead.

The council has met several times this year on the situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where at least 706 Palestinians and 42 Jews have been killed since the uprising began in December 1987.

Of the Arab dead, 572 were killed by Israeli troops, settlers or civilians and 134 by fellow-Arabs, mainly because they were believed to have assisted the Israeli authorities.

The United States insisted yesterday that its Middle East peace efforts were not an attempt to force Israel to talk directly with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"We're not involved in any sort of process, or any sort of structure, the aim of which would be to bring Israel into a dialogue or negotiation with the PLO," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters.

In Cairo said last month the organisation remains undecided and were seeking clarification of some points from the Americans.

Arafat arrived in Cairo on Wednesday and conferred with Mubarak on Thursday. Afterward, the Egyptian president told reporters the fate of the Baker plan was up to the PLO. He said that once a decision is

made, Egypt will consult with the PLO on a reply to be conveyed to the United States, adding that Cairo adopts whatever position the organisation takes.

Egypt's leading newspaper Al-Ahram said today the Executive Committee's preliminary meeting discussed the Baker plan "in light of the clarifications requested by the Palestinian and Israeli sides."

Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood flexes muscles in poll run-up

AMMAN, Nov 4, (Reuters): Jordan's conservative Muslim Brotherhood, tolerated by the authorities for years as a counterweight to leftists, is flexing its muscles ahead of the first general elections for 22 years.

The poll on Wednesday will test the appeal of the Brotherhood's simple slogan, "Islam is the solution," after years of tight government control of political activity.

In the biggest rally of the campaign so far, six Brotherhood candidates drew a crowd of 7,000 on a football pitch in a poor district of Amman yesterday.

Children wearing paper crowns inscribed with Islamic slogans and youths waving banners and the light-green flags of the Brotherhood listened eagerly to candidates' speeches.

"God is our aim, the Prophet (Mohammed PBUH) is our leader, the Holy Quran is our constitution and Jihad (holy war) is our path," the audience shouted back to a young cheerleader.

"Khalib, Khalib, O Jews, the army of Mohammed (PBUH) will return," they cried, referring to a Muslim victory over a Jewish town in Arabia in the early days of Islam.

Women wearing headscarves and plain, shapeless clothes sat apart from the men. Youngsters organised the crowd.

The Brotherhood is fielding 26 candidates and backing at least 15 others, while their communist and other leftist rivals are mostly running as individuals.

King Hussein banned all political parties in 1957 after pan-Arabist radicals tried to topple his government.

The Brotherhood, seen as an ally to the state, was left to operate quietly as a charity. But the state controlled appointments of mosque preachers and monitored their sermons.

"The picture has changed since the 1950s," a former interior minister told Reuters. "Radical parties have declined."

"Their slogans are outdated and their political experiments have failed," he said. In contrast, the Brotherhood and other Islamic movements can move the masses. They are present everywhere.

The ex-minister, who asked not to be named, said fundamentalists had reached senior positions in the army and police and some key ministries such as education.

King Hussein's descent from the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) has in the past helped blunt Islamic dissent in Jordan. The

absence of regular elections has made it hard for the government as well as outsiders to gauge its strength.

The government-influenced media launched harsh attacks on the Islamic movement in the past week over the issue of Toujan Al Faisal, a woman candidate campaigning for women's rights who was charged with apostasy from Islam in a Muslim sharia court.

The case, unprecedented in Jordan, has been dropped.

Islamic candidates, who won four out of eight seats in 1984 parliamentary elections

KUWAIT ... GULF

KU cafeteria provides 20,000 meals daily

Mufrij denies food poisoning rumour

THE director of the Catering Department at Kuwait University Abdullah Al Mufrij has denied rumours that a girl student suffered food poisoning because of a meal she ate at the Faculty of Arts cafeteria. He stressed that the department paid great attention to the hygiene of served food.

He told a local daily that the department has always ensured quality service for

students and that decisions were always taken in favour of the tender offering the best type of food based on quality and hygiene, regardless of cost.

Mufrij added that the meals offered by the cafeteria were 70 per cent subsidised and that the department employed cooks of the best calibre who are usually well-versed with decent past experience from

grand hotels.

He also said that menu offered by the cafeteria changed bimonthly and contained at least eight to ten different dishes. The total number of meals offered to students at the university on a daily basis is 20,000, and this meets with the satisfaction of 90 per cent students. Only 10 per cent complained.

Mufrij added that the department co-operated with the School Health Department and that routine checks of hygienic conditions of the department's staff was carried out by health inspectors every six months.

He invited students recommendations and comments on the meals offered by the cafeteria.



Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait '89 contestants pose for a group photograph.

Philippine Community Day, Nov 24

Nostalgia Filipina

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will celebrate Philippine Community Day on Nov 24 with the selection of Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait '89 (personality and talent contest) in collaboration with the Philippine embassy. The theme of this celebration is Nostalgia Filipina.

The preparation of the Philippine Community Day in under way and all Filipinos in Kuwait are welcome to join the celebration the primary objective of which is to ease the loneliness and homesickness of 40,000 Filipinos in Kuwait.

The most awaited event by all Filipinos in Kuwait is the selection of this year Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait, a personality and talent contest which coincides with the celebration of the Community Day. The best Filipino singers in town will

entertain guests during the celebration.

There are four major prizes to be given to Hiyas, namely, Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait, Hiyas ng Luzon, Hiyas ng Visayas, Hiyas ng Mindanao and Hiyas ng Metro Manila.

Prizes

The Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait will receive a first class return ticket to Manila courtesy Philippine Airlines plus the traditional trophy. Runners-up will also receive valuable prizes from the sponsors.

For more details, please contact Ms. Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for social and cultural affairs and the chairperson of the project on telephone number 4843447 or Jun Mercado, vice-chairman on telephone 4899418.



Kapilku and Hiyas ng Pilipinas officials: (L-R) sitting, Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for social & cultural affairs and chairperson and Kapilku President Manny Inserto. (standing) Manny Tupas, musical director, Thelma A. Saniel, finance attache and production consultant, Jun Mercado, vice-chairman, Florence Cagald, Evelyn San Ramon, coordinator and atty. Loy Cortel, legal attache and chairman of screening committee.

Second Gulf Food Exhibition opens in Dubai

Re-export to Iraq and Iran anticipated

SEVENTY eight exhibitors from eighteen countries are participating in the Gulf Food Exhibition which opens tomorrow in Hall 3, at the Dubai World Trade Centre and runs from November 5-8, 1989, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Minister of Finance and Industry.

According to the organisers Trade Centre Management Company, the second event is bigger in terms of size and many more trade visitors are expected at the exhibition this year.

"Local and international interest in the fair, seems to have been influenced by the anticipated opening up of the re-export market to Iran and Iraq, and a buoyant market situation this year," says Sandra Royan, Manager, Exhibitions.

Featured at the show, will be national organisations of Australia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Hungary and UK, and seventy eight firms from eighteen countries including Bel-

gium, Cyprus, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand, UAE, USA and West Germany.

Thirty eight new firms will be at the exhibition, including Borden Food, S V Indika, Al Nasr Co. for Preserved Food, Monimex, P T Nusra Adisa, Asan Trading Company International, Kuwait Packing Material Manufacturing Co., Palm Oil Research Inst. of Malaysia, Al Gassim Dates Factory, National Biscuits & Confectionery Co. Ltd, Savola Saudi Veg. Oil & Ghee Co., Manantial de Fuencaiente, The Public Authority for Marketing Agricultural Produce, National Biscuits Industries Ltd, P T Sari Incofood Corp., Gold Prize (Thai) Co. Ltd, Thai World Import & Export Co. Ltd, Unicoed Co. Ltd, M/s Abdullah Al Hamadi, A F M General Trading, Akkawi M E Trading Co. and Speir, Al Badee General Trading Establishment, All That's Fresh Group, Americana Distribution Company, Best Foods/Gulf International, Elcome Establishment/Meet Trading, Gulf Packaging Indus-

try, Habara Foodstuffs Co., Masira International Company, Middle East Packaging Ltd, Orient Food Factory, Rio Cafe de Brasil, S & P Coconut Industries, Tomaco Agencies, United Group International, Wentworth/MBD Trading Co. and Khalifa Aligassabi Cold Stores.

Sixty five exhibitors from seventeen countries participated in 1987 at the first Gulf Food Exhibition which attracted over 4000 visitors of which 1600 were registered trade visitors with purchasing influence.

The scope of the 1989 Gulf Food Exhibition covers food and beverage products, food technology and processing, catering services and catering equipment.

The exhibition is primarily a trade show for the first three days from Sunday 5 to Tuesday 8 November and open to the public only on the last day (Wednesday 8 November).

Admission to the exhibition on the first three days, will be by invitation or on presentation of a business card.

Maintain boilers properly: official

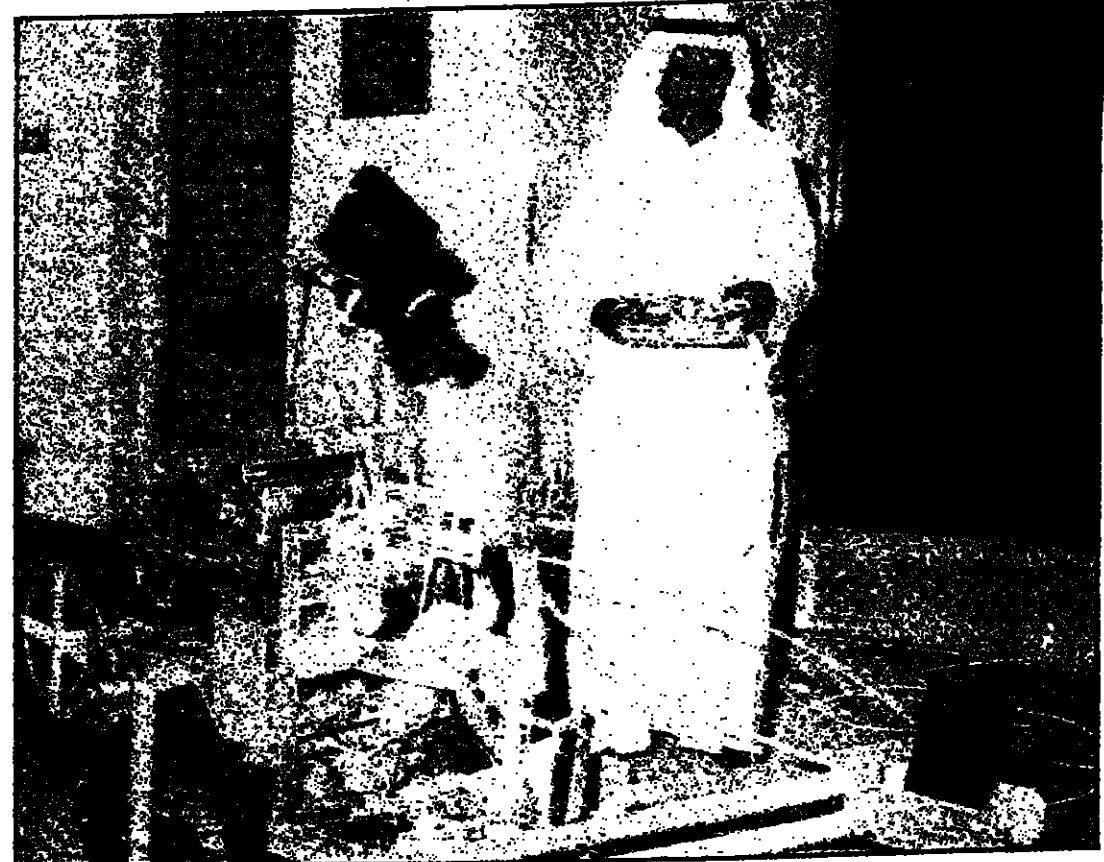
THE public has been called upon to check and maintain water boilers in their homes to prevent fatal explosions. The public relations director at the General Fire Administration, Captain Ismael Hassan Mohammed has appealed to the public to buy only good quality water boilers and to get them fixed in their homes by specialised workers who can make sure it is fixed in the right place and that the ventilation pipe is left open.

Mohammed said that the public should make sure that the valves of the ventilators were working properly and to ensure that the boiler has an in-built thermostat which switches power off automatically once the water in the boiler has reached the required temperature.

When people want to fix a water pump to the already existing water network, they should abide by the instructions of the Ministry of Electricity and water, Mohammed said.

He further added that the public should not make any change in the water pipelines inside their homes without prior approval from relevant authorities.

He warned that people should make sure that the water to the heater should be from the main water tank.



Anzi with his robot.

Kuwaiti builds a robot

Fashioned after bottling machine

A ROBOT that can move in all directions, has two arms that can hold anything and is fitted with a video camera to record what it is carrying has been invented by a Kuwaiti, Ahmad Talab Al Anzi.

He said he got the idea of constructing the robot after watching a bottling machine in a factory.

Anzi who owns cars repair garage told a local daily that it is unfortunate that Kuwaitis are not encouraged by the government to build or invent things. He queried as to why there were no places where they could work freely, adding that he was now thinking of building an aeroplane, but needed a large area for such a project.

He said, youth in foreign countries were constantly encouraged and urged to enter the industrial field because in the end they

would benefit their countries. Unfortunately he could not find any Arab state trying to encourage or set aside areas for ambitious and talented youth, particularly youth with bright new ideas.

Idea

Anzi said that he kept all spare parts that customers leave behind just in case someone came along to replace a bad part. He said that he never threw away any of these old parts. Once he noticed a bottling machine moving on its own, and then got the idea of building a robot.

He started work and made some accurate measurements then built two mechanical hands. He felt that he could have built two feet as well but due to the immense weight of the machine he decided to mount it on wheels instead.

On the robot, Anzi added other things such as a steering wheel, a dynamo and a video camera to record every move the robot made. The robot can also be manually operated.

Hard work

Anzi said that it took him just three months to build the robot because of persistence and hard work.

He said that sometimes he stayed up all night when his family was off on summer vacations. He added that he did not like to be disturbed by his children when he worked.

He said repairing machines and inventing new things is a hobby which started when he was young. He received a lot of encouragement from his family members from early childhood and that he was trying to do the same thing with his young son.

Local market a magnet for fakes

No protection laws

BABY foods as well as perfumes, clothes, watches and automobile spare parts were among the imitation products spread throughout the local market.

A local daily said that the proliferation of imitation goods was the result of demand for cheaper products and not for quality.

The lack of consumer awareness was considered by market sources to be the main factor that made the local market a magnet for imitation goods.

Merchants and agents also said that the increase in imitation products was also the consequence of the absence of laws to protect agents. In addition, they said, imitation products were difficult to uncover due to the complexity and size of international trade.

Some merchants said that the markets of the United Arab Emirates had a far greater increase in imitation goods than Kuwait and the problem in the UAE had reached a dangerous level when compared to other countries.

More than one merchant stressed that it was difficult to combat the flood of imitation goods due to the difficulty in reaching distributors and importers.

They also said that shops selling imitation goods could easily escape legal responsibility.

The merchants told the daily that a number of big merchants were

also involved, and took all types of measures to hide their dealing in imitations.

They said that a number of tricks were used to deceive consumers, such as assembling imitation products in apartments and secret locations.

A number of merchants said that it was harder to uncover newer types of imitation products because better manufacturing technology made it difficult to distinguish between the genuine and imitation articles. But most newer imitations could be easily detected by laboratory tests.

Consumers were deceived by the price, and this was another danger of imitation products. There is a big price difference between imitation and genuine products, and consumers ended up paying a high price for a bad commodity.

Merchants said that imitation products were highly attractive to merchants because of the huge profits.

A watch dealer said that measures taken by the Customs Department to improve checking of products had resulted in reducing the number of imitation products in the market.

He added that agents of watch companies had adopted some methods to prevent further influx of imitation watches, saying that some of the measures had proved effective.

Satellite services used in navigation

KUWAIT has begun using satellite services for marine navigation at its ports, the Minister of State for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazidi, has said.

He added that these services were provided for small ships as well as large vessels.

Mazidi said that Kuwait tries to use everything new in the shipping and navigation world.

He also said that the Port Public Authority has developed its computer centre and has begun using its services for marine transport activities.

Port employees are given good opportunities to participate in training courses held outside Kuwait to enable them to gain experience and know the latest developments in port administration and navigation.

The director-general of the Port Public Authority, Dr Ibrahim Maki, said that the authority was obliged to develop the local shipping industry and shipping companies.

He added that Kuwait has a small company for building ships and a dock for repairing ships of less than 35,000 tons.

He pointed out that Kuwait is one of the six Gulf states that own the United Arab Shipping Co.

Momen slams doctors who smoke on duty

Teachers criticised too

THE secretary of the Kuwait Medical Society for Smoking and Cancer Control Dr Hussein Al Momen has corroborated an article published by a local daily last Wednesday, which said that 80 per cent of ministry doctors smoked on duty, by stating that the percentage could very well be higher than that.

He attributed the reason for this high percentage of smokers among doctors on duty to slack application of its Act of 1983 which banned doctors from smoking at hospitals and health centres, adding that overlooking such a violation resulted in so many patients following their example.

Momen warned doctors against setting a bad example to their patients, and called for professional suspension of doctors failing to abstain from smoking. He also urged the Kuwait Medical Society to act positively to curtail this bad phenomenon which is a disgrace to the medical profession.

He pointed out that there was a similar problem with no less gravity, and that was teachers and principals smoking in front of students in violation of ministerial decision banning smoking in schools issued in 1983.

Momen said that the society was conducting a study on smoking in schools on the occasion of the Gulf Day for Abstinence from Smoking, in co-operation with the Ministry of Education, in which anti-smoking programmes would be evaluated for effectiveness and the evil effects of the power of advertising on young people.

He said that smoking was the starting point for addiction to drugs among school students, pointing out that smokers had little concern for their health and that they had psychological preparedness to stoop slowly to using psychoactive drugs to enhance the scope of their smoking pleasure.

Momen cited the cabinet decision of March 16, 1980 approving the recommendations adopted by the fifth session of the Arab Gulf ministers of health council on public health, including those on smoking which he said included that no signs or posters advertising tobacco should be allowed to appear in public places, streets, buildings, and that a special committee from the Ministry of Information would meet with newspapers editors-in-chief in a bid to consider banning the publication of advertisements on tobacco.

He added that other recommendations called for the establishment of a private society to combat smoking in compliance with the regulations in force at clubs and public welfare societies, ban all tobacco producing or distributing agencies from undertaking public activities, such as competitions and sports contests, which could have a pernicious effect on youngsters who would be encouraged to smoke.

Indian ships to arrive

A PRESS release by the Indian embassy in Kuwait has said that two Indian naval ships — INS Gomti, a frigate, and the INS Shakti — a tanker are scheduled to pay a goodwill visit to the State of Kuwait from November 9-13.

The ships will be berthed at the Shuwaikh port and will be open for visits by the public on Thursday, Nov 9 from 2 pm to 5 pm and on Friday Nov 10 from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. Entry passes may be collected from the Embassy of India, 34 Shara Istiqbal, Bousheri Building, P.O. Box 1450 Safat, 13015 Safat, Kuwait by those desiring to visit the ships during the following hours: Sunday, Nov 5, 2 pm to 7 pm. Monday, Nov 6, 9 am to 5 pm.

Planning meet

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (Kuna): A programme on planning and development of manpower was opened here today at the Arab Planning Institute with the participation of 27 trainees from different Arab countries.

A statement issued by the institute said the programme sponsored by the institute in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation will include lectures on concepts and definitions of population and manpower, and an analysis for population and manpower structures and demographic changes.

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Desperate Thai worker commits suicide

Non-payment of wages never-ending nightmare

A Thai worker in Kuwait committed suicide a few days ago because he had not been paid for six months by the construction company that employed him.

His fellow workers have also not received their wages for this long period.

The tragedy made a local daily interview a number of workers to learn about their cares and worries in the hope that officials would look into the problems and miseries faced by poor workers.

An employee at a local catering company, Hussein Hameed, said he had not been paid for the past five months. When he asked for his wages he was often told that the company had some financial problems to settle with other companies and this delayed paying of wages.

Moosa Sabri, a supervisor at a steel factory, said that salaries were delayed for several months many times.

He said there was nothing the employees could do but wait,

although they suffered greatly during this time due to the high cost of living and having to meet the never-ending needs of home and children.

An electrician with a construction company, Masoud Mustafa, said his job required him to shuttle from one site to another and though the work was highly demanding, he was paid only KD 100 monthly. Even this was not paid regularly, and sometimes nine months passed before he was paid. This made his

problems escalate, and his debts grow bigger.

Saeed Saleh said he had already worked for four months with a construction company and had not received even a month's pay. He was always told that the company's budget was tight and the workers had to wait.

Mahmoud Al Hussein said his debts were accumulating because he did not receive his pay packet. He and his fellow workers could only wait for an end to their dilemma when pay day came round.

A painter with a local company, Tahseen Awadi, said his salary was KD60, but he had not been paid for six months and there was absolutely nothing he could do about this situation.

He claimed that some employers would force workers to put their finger prints on salary receipts.

Abdul Rahman Al Faris said the problem of delayed payment of wages was a nightmare facing many workers.

Third World debt

Kuwait outlines humane approach

NEW YORK, Nov 4, (Kuna): Kuwait has outlined its proposal for a humanitarian approach to the general debt problem, stressing that Kuwaiti financial institutions are making intense efforts to follow that approach.

Addressing the General Assembly's second committee, which deals with economic and financial matters, Kuwaiti representative Mohammad Saad Al Salhi Friday night welcomed the increasing understanding of the problem of indebtedness by the international community and the measures taken with a view of solving the crisis.

"Kuwait is in the forefront of creditor countries which has for a long time called the attention of the international community to the gravity of the debt crisis," Salhi said.

Salhi stressed that in implementing those measures it is important to take into account all indebted countries, without differentiating, in order

to enable all countries to share in economic and technical development.

The Kuwaiti representative, who is the second-ranking diplomat in Kuwait's permanent mission to the United Nations, commended the comprehensive report of the secretary-general before the committee on the debt crisis and development.

That crisis, he said, is not limited anymore to just a group of countries, but affects all countries of the world and requires a solution without delay.

The international community's agreement on the need for sharing responsibility among all parties concerned is a positive factor, he said.

The committee also recommended to the general assembly that it call upon all states to implement fully the charter of economic rights and duties of states.

It took this action by a vote of 123 in favour to none against, with 23 abstentions.



Kuwait-Austria talks

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber yesterday conferred with his Austrian counterpart Robert Lichal on bilateral relations and means of upgrading them in military fields.

The exchanges were attended by Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Mizayad Abdul Rahman Al Sana, Defence Undersecretary Faisal Ali Al Daoud, Assistant Chief of Staff for Supplies Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz Al Sayegh, the delegation accompanying the Austrian minister of his visit to Kuwait and the Austrian ambassador to the country.

Sheikh Nawaf later hosted a lunch in honour of the guest and the accompanying delegation.

580 delegates at desalination meet

Slashing costs an objective

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (Kuna): The fourth world congress on desalination and water reuse opened here today under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

The opening session was addressed by Electricity and Water Minister Hmoud Abdulla Al Rqobah on behalf of Sheikh Saad.

Kuwait has diligently encouraged research and development towards the increase of efficiencies and decrease of costs of water desalination technologies, in view of the bearing that they have on the social and economic life of the state, Rqobah said at the opening session.

Kuwait's interest in hosting this congress does not arise from these important considerations only, but also basically from a genuine interest in science and in providing the proper atmosphere for its progress and prosperity, he added.

Needs

"There is no doubt that you realise the great responsibility, and the high cost involved therein, that the state takes upon itself to provide water to all consumption sectors in an area that is almost devoid of natural usable water resources, and where the state of Kuwait incurs more than 60 per cent of the actual

costs of fresh water production and distribution, with desalination being the cornerstone of this water supply," the minister said.

The state of Kuwait attributes special significance to this congress in view of what might result therefrom in terms of development of water desalination methods, applicability of these methods, and water reuse to satisfy needs and reduce costs. The fact that Kuwait is in the process of approving a long-range plan to provide the water supply needed for agriculture and greenery should also make this congress of special importance from our point of view, he added.

Chairwoman of the congress' organising committee Dr Fatima Al Awadi said the hosting of the world congress on desalination and water reuse reflected Kuwait's interest in the vital issue of provision of usable water.

She said the convening of the congress in Kuwait avails the opportunity for a large number of experts and specialists to exchange views and experience on water desalination.

She said the number of participants exceeded all expectations with the presence of 580 of them representing 40 countries.

The five-day congress is organised by the International Desalination Association in co-operation with the Ministry of

Electricity and Water, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Science and Kuwait University.

President of the International Desalination Association Dr Adil Ahmad Bushnak said the choice of Kuwait for this world congress reflects its leading role and scientific contributions to the development of desalination technology.

He said Kuwait is also a good example for other countries on how to manage their water resources and secure its supply under all conditions.

"Kuwait is in the heart of a region which will continue to be the largest market for desalination products and services. The Gulf region is going through many changes probably faster than other parts of the world. The desalination industry needs to adapt to the emerging needs of the world it is serving," Bushnak said.

He explained that the major challenge of the next decade is desalination was probably non-technical but financial and economic, saying innovative funding and finance alternatives must be developed.

Bushnak said more regional co-operative efforts are needed to establish long term research programmes in desalination.

Kuwait, Pakistan talks on oil held

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (Kuna): Kuwaiti Oil Minister and Acting Finance Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi today met with visiting Pakistani Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources Jehangir Bader.

The meeting, attended by Assistant Director-General of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) Abdul Razzak Mullah Hussein, Board Chairman and Managing Director of Kuwait Oil Tankers Company (KOTC) Abdul Fattah Al Bader, KPC's Managing Director for Marketing Sheikh Ali Jaber Al Ali, a number of KPC senior officials and Charge d'Affaires at Pakistani Embassy here Akbar Afridi, focussed on bilateral relations in the oil field and ways to promote and develop them.

Following the meeting, Sheikh Ali Jaber Al Ali, in a statement to Kuna, hoped that such visits between the two countries would continue adding that the visit fell in line with the strong Kuwaiti-Pakistani relations in different aspects.

He noted that Pakistan has been purchasing Kuwaiti petroleum by-products for the past 20 years, adding that the Pakistani minister has invited Sheikh Ali to visit Pakistan.

Upon his arrival the Pakistani Oil Minister described relations linking Kuwait and his country as very good, adding that when his country asked for petroleum products from Kuwait, Pakistan got the request in no time.

190 subscribers bemoan overcharging by MOC

DURING September 221 complaints were received by the Citizens Office at the Ministry of Communications.

The director of the office, Saleh Al Naeeshas, added that all the complaints were referred to the relevant departments for consideration and action.

He also said that 190 of these complaints had been passed to the committee entrusted with considering telephone subscribers' objections to their bills.

He said that the committee cancelled 1,257 minutes mistakenly charged to five subscribers and charges for a number of overseas calls were withdrawn.

One subscriber objected to being charged for 308 minutes on a call to Egypt, and the committee reduced the time to three minutes.

Another subscriber had been asked to pay the rental for the period from 1986 to 1989, although his line had been disconnected.

Naeeshas said that the ministry received 273 complaints in January. Of these 99 were from the Citizens Office and 174 from communication centrals.

During February 145 complaints were filed, of which 78 were from the Citizens Office and 67 from the centrals.

He stressed the active role played by the Office in sorting out complaints received from subscribers and pointed out that all concerned ministry staff were involved in finding appropriate solutions.

He said the ministry offered services to the vast majority of people living in Kuwait and it was only natural that a few slip-ups would occur.

Al Hassan honoured

NEW YORK, Nov 4, (Kuna): The International Diplomatic Bulletin granted Kuwait's permanent representative to the United Nations in New York Ambassador Mohammed Abu Al Hassan a certificate of honour.

Abu Hassan was one out of five permanent representatives that were selected in the UN, that groups 195 countries, for this certificate.

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Thought for today

THE secret of being a bore is to tell everything —
Voltaire, French author (1694-1778).Detente wreaks
havoc with Nato

THE swirl of political change in Eastern Europe and East-West moves to cut the numbers of tanks and other battlefield armour in Europe are playing havoc with Nato's efforts to maintain a credible nuclear deterrent.

The planners have returned to the drawing board to redraft Western Europe's nuclear defences to take account of East-West arms control negotiations.

Meanwhile, the United States is developing a new weapon of longer range to replace the ageing Lance missile — acutely aware that West Germany, the key deployment country, may finally refuse to take it.

As the generals plead for replacement of Nato's 88 Lance launchers with the new weapon, their political masters face an uncomfortable question.

Is this a good time to be developing a weapon that is unable to reach the Soviet Union and can only hit parts of Eastern Europe such as Poland and Hungary which are now slipping from Moscow's grasp?

Rapprochement

"As political rapprochement takes place with Eastern Europe ... the use of nuclear weapons which will fall on their heads (the East Europeans) and not on the heads of the Russians becomes less palatable," Dutch Defence Minister Frits Bolkestein said at a Nato nuclear planning meeting in Portugal last month.

No one in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation has yet suggested abandoning the nuclear weapon — seen as the backbone of allied defences and the only valid deterrent.

As prospects of a conventional forces in Europe (CFE) accord in Vienna have increased, Nato is emphasising more and more that nuclear weapons are here to stay no matter how much conventional military hardware is reduced.

But how many weapons does the alliance need? And which particular weapons?

With the security picture changing daily, some experts say Nato must act swiftly to draw up a plan of "minimum nuclear deterrence" with fewer warheads to ensure it retains public support in a new East-West climate after a CFE agreement.

Intercontinental and long-range sea-launched missiles held by the United States and the Soviet Union are largely incidental to the current debate.

Under scrutiny are the nuclear defences in Western Europe, particularly smaller weapons lower down the nuclear ladder such as the Lance and nuclear artillery.

For the military authorities, retention of short-range weapons are vital for Nato's strategy of "flexible response." This requires military commanders to have a wide variety of nuclear weapons at their disposal.

Outnumbered

Nato says its 88 Lance launchers are hopelessly outnumbered by the Soviet Union's 1,400 or so short-range Scud, Frog and SS-21 launchers.

But West Germans have always been unhappy about the Lance whose short range means it would fall on their East German brethren. That sentiment of kinship has increased with the influx of East German refugees.

The Bonn government also opposes deploying a replacement weapon, even though its range would be greatly extended to 450 km (280 miles).

Moreover, a CFE agreement reducing Warsaw Pact tanks could further erode the rationale for the Lance since an accord would thin out the very targets the missile is designed to destroy.

Under pressure from Bonn, the United States has agreed to negotiate cuts in short-range missiles with the Soviet Union down to equal levels once implementation of a CFE agreement is under way — possibly in the next two years.

But Washington has said it will not agree to scrapping short-range missiles altogether.

Nato's so-called high-level group of experts has now been commissioned to define Nato's nuclear needs once a CFE agreement has been achieved — its second restructuring task in two years.

It is already in the throes of deciding how to reshuffle the nuclear arsenal to take account of the 1987 superpower intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty which eliminated ground-based Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles.

Negotiate

One of the group's tasks will be to try to marry Lance modernisation plans with the political commitment to negotiate short-range missile cuts, officials say.

One possible outcome is that once Washington and Moscow have negotiated these cuts, West Germany may be persuaded to take some of the new follow-on weapon to Lance.

By then, Nato may have switched to greater reliance away from land-based systems to sea and air-based weapons.

But some experts believe that given Bonn's sensitivities deployment of a new weapon of extended range is now politically out of the question.

"I do not see any way that a follow-on to Lance will be deployed," said Hans Binnendijk, a nuclear expert at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Binnendijk believes that, as arms control negotiations bring more concessions from Moscow, Nato may be prepared to elaborate a new concept of "minimum deterrence" possibly by slashing its warhead stockpile from the present 4,000 down to as low as 1,000.

Binnendijk believes a new tactical air-to-surface missile (Tasm) under development would play a major role in deterrence and that there might finally be a decision to deploy another land-based weapon to replace the Lance — though not the long-range one that is now on the drawing board. (Brussels — Reuters).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1605 — "Gunpowder Plot" by Guy Fawkes to blow up British House of Parliament is uncovered.

1630 — Treaty of Madrid ends Anglo-Spanish war.

1817 — Third Maratha war against British in India begins with attack on Poona, Nagpur and Indore.

1840 — Mehmet Ali of Egypt agrees to terms of Treaty of London.

1883 — The Mahdi defeats Egyptian force under William Hicks at El Abaid and Britain decides to evacuate the Sudan.

1911 — Italy annexes Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

1914 — France and Britain declare war on Turkey; Britain annexes Cyprus.

1916 — Central Powers proclaim kingdom of Poland.

1950 — US Gen. Douglas MacArthur reports massing of Chinese communists in North Korea.

1956 — British paratroopers land at Port Said, Egypt; Soviet Union threatens use of rockets unless Britain and France accept Middle East ceasefire.

1962 — UN General Assembly demands all nuclear tests cease by January 1, 1963; Saudi Arabia severs relations with United Arab Republic.

1970 — Vatican issues document reforming Roman Catholic Mass.

1985 — UN General Assembly approves resolution calling on Vietnam to withdraw its forces from Cambodia.

1987 — South Africa releases African National Congress leader Go van Mbeki, prisoner for 23 years and colleague of Nelson Mandela.

1988 — Algeria's President Chadli Bendjedid appoints former head of military security to form new government in wake of widespread riots.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

Soviet reforms taken seriously

Confrontation out of fashion

THE question that everybody, who cares about international affairs, is asking here is: will President Mikhail Gorbachev survive, and if he does, for how long. I have just spent three weeks in the Soviet Union and there too it is a question that is widely debated.

In Washington the Bush administration is divided among those who wish him well and believe that he deserves American support, and those who distrust his efforts at democratising the Soviet political system and who believe that it would be easier to preserve the Western alliance if there is someone to hate, for it helps to keep the West united against the Soviet Union. Secretary of State James Baker belongs to the first group. Vice-President Dan Quayle to the second. President George Bush seems to be leaning more to the first because confrontational policies are getting out of fashion, especially in Europe where Gorbachev's efforts to reform the Soviet political system are taken seriously.

In this connection, I often told Russians that there are two revolutions in progress Gorbachev's and a growing desire among Americans that he succeeds. Still, back in Washington I find that there is a lack of appreciation of the momentous political changes for the better that are in train in the Soviet Union, and the risk Gorbachev is taking. His greatest problem is that while people abroad believe that what matters most are the new freedoms he is trying to introduce into the Soviet political system, the Soviets focus on what matters to them most, having more to eat at cheaper prices and being able to buy more consumer goods in the shops. Time again I am being asked in the West whether it does not matter more to the Soviet people to enjoy freedoms never enjoyed before than having full stomachs. But, alas, and it is only too human, they attach greater importance to more food. The vast majority has little interest in the enjoyments of free speech since few of them know what it means. Good many among them even believe, as I found out from various conversations, that free speech creates bitter controversies, conflicts, instability and slow decision-making, and makes governing more difficult.

How difficult, under these circumstances, is it for Gorbachev to govern? It is certainly more difficult than he had assumed. And it explains his recent efforts to fortify his own position. How successful has he been in those efforts. He now has a fairly comfortable majority in the Politburo. It took four strikes to get rid of the most obstructive opponents. He could not do it in one sweep which is indicative of the kind of diplomatic manoeuvres he had to use to make himself secure. He still has two quite virulent opponents on the Politburo, Yegor Ligachev and Lev Zaitkov, whose presence he has to swallow; Vitaly Vorotnikov, another conservative, seems to be less obstructive. Ligachev continues to criticise Gorbachev in public, but the local experts told me that he is not a popular figure and hence not a likely alternative to him if he were toppled.

Gorbachev also enjoys majority support in the Supreme Soviet which used to be a rubber-stamp organ, but has become the equivalent of a parliament and the debates there which I watched on Soviet television were remarkably free-swinging and quite a test for members of the government. Abalkin, for instance, Soviet deputy prime minister for economic reform, found himself on the griddle for three hours and two or three times had to be helped by Gorbachev when the questioning became too searching. At least 110 members of the former Supreme Soviet resigned to make place for Gorbachev supporters and, I am told, the Soviet leader now has a safe majority in that chamber, which has started passing laws, confirming government ministers and debating the Soviet Union's many crisis situations.

It is difficult to estimate Gorbachev's support in the Central Committee whose members represent the party in various states. According to most estimates he does not have majority support in this body. Legally, this body cannot unseat him, only the Congress of the People's Deputies which meets twice a year and consists of 2,200 members. But the Central Committee is still powerful because its political tentacles reach throughout the country through the party machine and into every state. It is one reason why Gorbachev is trying to reduce the powers of the Communist Party and to raise those of the parliamentary bodies, the Supreme Soviet and the Congress of People's Deputies. But it is still the party apparatus which has the most influence in the states and local legislatures and which are still overwhelmingly conservative.



Mikhail Gorbachev: risk

I asked good many Soviet members of the Supreme Soviet whether the widening economic crisis might not be due to the local party apparatus trying to undermine if not sabotage, Gorbachev's leadership. But nobody seemed to be able to answer this question. There were those who thought that this may be one of the answers, but others doubted it, saying that there are more factual, more obvious reasons for the crisis. That did not mean, however, they emphasised, that they were not resentful of Gorbachev and his policies.

In the Congress of People's Deputies which has 2,200 members Gorbachev has a solid majority. This is important because it does have the legal authority to fire Gorbachev or any leader. One could therefore conclude that Gorbachev is safe in the saddle for some time to come, but nobody knows whether the democratisation has gone deep enough for the legal rules to be observed under any circumstances. It is possible to imagine that, if confidence in the Soviet leader were badly undermined, he could find himself in a situation where he would have to resign under the pressure of circumstances.

One of the criticisms of his leadership I heard repeatedly was that he is too anxious to preserve whatever popularity he enjoys and, in order to ensure himself of broad popular support, is avoiding the tough decisions that are bound to hurt important power groups. He has been slow, for instance, in widening the ability of farmers to acquire land and thus improve their productivity. He has been slow in the "privatisation" or "de-statisation" of assets which means, for instance, leasing state assets to groups of workers, who decided to form a co-operative. He has been slow in developing a scheme for the unemployed in need of retraining — and that will include many officers among military, some 100,000 who will lose their jobs in the armed forces. He has been slow in introducing a new, more realistic price structure which would save the government billions in subsidies, because he is afraid of the dissatisfaction it may unleash among the people, but, sooner rather than later, he will have to bite into this bitter fruit.

The government also needs to find ways to soak up the accumulated excess purchasing power in savings accounts and cash stashed away under bed mattresses. The bond investment schemes proposed so far are unsatisfactory. But, above all, there is a need to increase the production of consumer goods and durables to reduce the shortages and arrest the deterioration of the economy. However, I was left with the impression after talking to Soviet economic experts directly involved in trying to find ways to deal with the economic crisis, that many of the vital decisions have yet to be taken, that there are quite a few alternative solutions that have been worked out but that the decision to proceed with one or the other are being delayed because inevitably they all will be resisted by the broad public.

The government, for instance, has encountered a growing opposition to co-operatives, privately owned enterprises, because they go against the deeply rooted principle of egalitarianism, that has for so long governed the public mind. They make more money, often in hard currencies, than the average worker, farmer or bureaucrat can earn.

It all proves that it is very difficult to change a centrally managed economy into a free market economy. It has been suggested that the United States should send teams of economists to the Soviet Union to help with the introduction of the free market, and while several Soviet bureaucrats said to me that this would be welcome other experts directly involved said that it would simply not work because those Western free-market men don't know how a managed economy is run. There is a lot to do for Gorbachev, but not much time in which to do it.

Greenland marks ten years of autonomy

Danish help still needed

AFTER a decade of semi-independence from Denmark, Greenlanders are struggling to preserve their cultural identity while creating a modern state in their huge ice-bound island.

Despite the costs of self-reliance keep growing for the 53,000 people of Greenland.

In half a century the indigenous Inuit people have gone from a culture of hunters to a European-influenced society relying largely on fish and shrimp processing, seal skin tanneries and tourism.

This year Denmark's former Arctic colony celebrates 10 years of self-government under a home-rule plan, with its own cabinet and Parliament. Foreign affairs, defence and the legal system are still directed from Copenhagen.

Greenland sends two representatives to the Danish Parliament, and Denmark is represented in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, by a top official of the prime minister's office.

Despite its political independence, Greenland still depends on annual subsidies from Denmark amounting to \$347 million, or 86 per cent of its budget.

But the Danish assistance hasn't solved all the problems of this vast land of rock and ice with few exploitable natural resources besides fish and other wildlife.

Chronic unemployment plagues the nation, along with alcoholism and the world's highest suicide rate. It is difficult to determine the full extent of unemployment, since joblessness varies with the season and most fishermen are self-employed and therefore not registered.

About 50 Greenlanders, mostly young men, kill themselves a year, giving the country a rate of 129 suicides per 100,000, compared with second-ranking Hungary with 45 suicides per 100,000.

"Alcohol is always involved, along with problems

with the girl friend," said Rene Christensen, the chief physician for the Nuuk district.

Greenland also has a high abortion rate. Christiansen said there were 870 abortions in Greenland last year, compared with 1,100 births.

Despite the problems, there are encouraging signs.

More Greenlanders are receiving higher education than in the past, both in Denmark and elsewhere. Also, Greenland produced its first home-educated class of high school graduates last year.

Nuuk has a small university that specializes in Eskimology and nursing. Unemployed people are being retrained for new jobs in public works projects. And contacts with Inuits in other countries, especially Canada, are opening new trade routes.

Still, the expensive social welfare programmes inherited from Denmark are draining the economy. Nuuk, the largest city with 13,000 people pays \$14 million a year for benefits like subsidized housing, kindergarten and day care centres, and unemployment payments. Free health services are provided by the Danes.

The job situation was worsened by the international campaign against seal and whale hunting, one of the main sources of income for the Inuit people who rely on hunting and fishing.

Fish products — cod, halibut and shrimp — account for about 80 per cent of the island's exports. Income from fishing varies widely from district to district and depends on the size of vessel, says Pavia Nielsen, a fisherman from Nuuk.

"A small shrimp can make 50,000 kroner (\$6,900) a year, while a big factory trawler can earn up to 10 million kroner (\$1.4 million)," said Nielsen. But an annual income of 50,000 kroner is not enough for someone to live on in Greenland.

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Letters to the editor

Voting right

SIR: Winston Churchill at the time of granting independence to India said: "To hand over power at this stage to Jawaharlal Nehru and his Congress Party is to give power to someone who will exploit the poor masses to such an extent for their personal gains that ultimately poor Indian masses will have nothing but air to breathe freely without taxation." Yet these poor masses comprising 80 per cent of India's population show no resentment because of their ignorance due to illiteracy.

In order to exploit them Congress has kept them purposely backward and it is their votes which are important for Congress to come to power. If these illiterates as they did in 1977, easily destroy Congress as they did by Indira Gandhi. Second way Congress will never do educate them which are educated they will be knowing once they are educated they will be aware of all the corruption and thus they will not elect Congress back to power. The 20 per cent elite of India has kept democratic process very much alive and because of them democratic process is surviving in India.

This month the biggest democracy in the world will stand for its test. Fortunately an eighteen-year-old person will have the right to franchise but unfortunately not an expatriate Indian of over 18 though most of the renowned democracies of the world are granting this sacred right of voting to their non-resident citizens. This is the greatest injustice done to Indian citizens and regrettably there is no movement yet to fight for this right. If we can get this right I am sure all other privileges such as Air-India, customs clearance, educational facilities in professional colleges for our children, unaccompanied luggage clearance and other benefits we can easily get. In the absence of voting right for us we are neglected by our government and leaders in India. And unless the big business magnets take up this issue nothing can be done. Unfortunately, it looks, why they should, when they can get anything and everything they want with the help of their money?

With all the abuses showered on them by Churchill, the Congressmen of yesteryears at least had little character to boast of. But the present ones contest election by using force and other dubious methods. I am proud to be an Indian and I wish my country to be prosperous, but seeing people of ill repute contest the election and who I am sure will get elected because of the poverty of the voters — financial and educational — I foresee nothing but disaster for India where regionalism and communalism will rule supreme.

A. Veronica Fernandes, Safat.

Republish Urdu

SIR: I am one of the readers of your newspaper since 1981 and was very much fond of going through the Urdu section of Arab Times which I always found very informative.

Urdu section was doing very well. I personally feel that it is not the Urdu section which is closed but it is the medium of information.

I hope that you will reconsider your decision and will not deprive us from the Urdu section anymore.

Mohd. Iqbal, Safat.

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Quote me

"I'm due to play a really good match against him. I'll try to play my game and force my game on to him. I know what he'll do — he'll come out and try to overpower me. But if I can hold that and use my advantage in quickness, serve well and volley solidly as I did tonight, I'm fully confident about my chances." — American John McEnroe on his upcoming match in the Paris Open against Boris Becker.

"It was very close, it must be frustrating for him. I couldn't believe some of the passing shots I hit were going over. They were skimming the top of the net and I didn't think some of them were going to make it." — Aaron Krickstein giving his version of the tennis match against Edberg of Sweden.

"We cannot allow foreigners to spit on us. That is why I will return to New York, although I really hate to go back to New York. But I have to vindicate the name of the Marcoses ... because you know president Marcos was the real winner in the presidential elections." — Tomas Marcos telling Manila radio station DZXL from Honolulu she would go and clear their names if she is allowed to return Marcos' body for burial in the Philippines.

"I was having serious gearbox problems and it was impossible to overtake Gerhard or Sena on this circuit. I would be happy if I had championship had been decided today but as it hasn't, I have to go to Japan and Australia to win." — Alain Prost of France said after coming third in the Spanish Grand Prix.

"I was just walking by in the embassy garden when he said it. Such a cheer went up from all the people. It was unbelievable. I had applied three times in two years to leave for the West, but they turned me down each time. I went to Prague, because I thought this was my only chance." — An East German refugee said of West German Foreign Minister's announcement all refugees at Bonn's embassy in Prague would be permitted to go West.

"We're like the turtle. It moves slowly, but in the end, when no one expects it, it gets to where it's going." — Col. Nebil Al Zein, a senior aide to Beirut's chief of detectives, Brig. Gen. Issam Abu Zaki, hoping for the day when cops will be in charge of Lebanese streets again.

"I am of no significance to anybody as an individual. To attack me is to attack Mandela, to attack the ANC." — Nelson Mandela, wife of imprisoned ANC leader Nelson Mandela in an interview to Tribune magazine.

"We keep track of everything. Crimes are investigated and the files will be turned over to competent courts when they function again. The day will come when we'll be able to enforce law and order in the streets." — A Lebanese police officer hoping for the good times to come back again.

"A meeting on a naval vessel is an ugly production which reminds us of the leaders of the First and Second World Wars dividing the world among themselves." — "Moreover, this flexing in the Mediterranean ... is a sort of naval muscle leader Mubarrak Khaddafi assailing the US-Soviet decision to hold a shipboard summit in the Mediterranean."

US economy expands for the eighth year

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4, (Reuters): Although US industry has weakened in the past several months, the huge services sector has helped extend the current economic expansion toward its eighth year, a peace time record.

But some economists are worried that the risk of recession next year has increased because the services sector, which accounts for the bulk of the American economy is also showing signs of slower growth.

"Although the weakness is pronounced in industry, the service sector is also beginning to soften," said economist Bruce Steinberg at Merrill Lynch.

There was further evidence of that on Friday when the Labour Department issued its employment report for October.

The slowdown was notable because the United States has evolved into a primarily services-oriented economy. Retail clerks, lawyers, medical work-

ers, stockbrokers and bus drivers, among others, account for 60 per cent of employment and produce about 70 per cent of the gross national product.

The key variable in any growth forecast is the federal reserve, for if the Central Bank detects a broad slowdown and quickly lowers interest rates, the economy could avert a mild recession that some economists are predicting for the first half of 1990.

"If services weaken, the Fed would

be quick to ease," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston company.

Services have been holding the economy up at a time when the outlook for the industrial base is far from rosy. Factory orders and construction spending have stagnated, exports have levelled off after booming for nearly two years, and Detroit's car industry has laid off 50,000 workers this year.

The latest figures from retail companies show that consumers are hold-

ing off purchases of so-called big ticket items like appliances and cars, which fuel industrial growth.

Despite these signs of trouble, many economists predict the Fed will hold credit steady, fearful that inflation could accelerate in the coming months.

"If interest rates went down, it would cut the dollar, stimulate exports and help the trade balance and manufacturing sector," said economist Charles Lieberman of Manufacturers Hanover

Corporation. "But the cost of that easing is upward pressure on inflation, so there's no unambiguously correct policy for the Fed to pursue."

At first glance, the October jobs report released on Friday seemed reassuring. The Labour Department reported a sharp 233,000 jump in net new industrial, government and service jobs, while the unemployment rate was unchanged from September's 5.3 per cent.

IDA aid to stay on same levels

TOKYO, Nov. 4, (AP): The International Development Association, the world's largest source of financial assistance for poor countries, has decided to maintain current aid levels in its next three-year programme, an official said today.

But during a two-day meeting that ended today in Kyoto, western Japan, several potential IDA donors, including the United States, failed to commit themselves on how much aid they can offer, announced Ernest Stern, a committee chairman and vice senior chairman of the World Bank.

The IDA representatives from 30 countries agreed to maintain the amount of aid at last year's level, which would require participants to contribute a total \$14.5 billion, Stern said in a statement. The three-year programme is to begin in July 1990.

Although several member nations refused to make definitive commitments in Kyoto, the committee expects to have final replies from all participants at its next meeting, scheduled for mid-December in Washington, he said.

Stern said the United States, which offered 25 per cent of the total amount of aid this year, was the largest among the 33 donors, did not present a figure at this meeting, due to domestic financial problems.

Most other participants presented the amount of donations they plan for the programme, but the figures will not be released until the final decision is made next month, according to the World Bank.

The IDA, established in 1960 to help countries combat poverty and promote economic growth, lent \$50 billion to 126 projects in 42 nations last year. It reviews aid programme and policy every three years.

Japan, which offered 19 per cent of the total amount of aid, was the second-largest donor in 1989, followed by Britain and France, which each contributed a seven-per cent share.

This year's aid included \$900 million to India, \$515 million to China and \$423.1 million to Bangladesh, according to World Bank statistics. Most recipients are South Asian and African countries.

No interest is required of recipients, who must, however, pay a 0.75 per cent annual handling charge and start repayment within 10 years. Loans must be repaid completely in no more than 40 years.

Jebel Ali progresses

DUBAI, Nov. 4: Statistics covering the first nine months of 1989 show a sustained growth in tonnage handled by Jebel Ali Port with overall tonnage totalling 6.9 million tonnes, an increase of 130 per cent over the same period last year, according to a press release of the port authority.

These results have been achieved through a tremendous amount of hard work in marketing Jebel Ali to more customers. We are confident this level of growth will be sustained for the last quarter," said Sultan Bin Sulayem, chairman of Jebel Ali Port Corporation.

Container transshipments continue to lead the growth by more than tripling last year's figures for the same period. Some 131,317 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) were handled by the port this year from January through September as opposed to 43,512 TEUs in 1988.

Oil and gas tonnage also increased dramatically, from a little over two million tonnes for the period in 1988 to almost five million tonnes this year.

Bulk and break bulk cargo tonnage increased by 60 per cent, from 668,850 to 1,072,123 tonnes.

The increase in tonnage is also reflected in an increase in the number of container vessels, roll-on/roll-off vessels, general cargo vessels and cargo tankers calling at Jebel Ali. In the first nine months of this year there was an increase of 55 per cent, from 403 to 626 vessels, compared to the same period last year.

Stock Exchange to announce limits Trading activity stops

NEW YORK, Nov. 4, (UPI): Concern over market volatility prompted the New York Stock Exchange this week to announce limits on computerised programme trades and asked brokers and institutional investors to refrain from the activity.

The exchange said Thursday it will monitor the use of programme trading and, in a step intended to discourage excessive use of the automatic trading technique that can produce heavy stock sales in seconds, disclose programme use on a weekly basis.

As an enticement to individual investors, many of whom have fled from the market, the exchange said it will give priority to the handling of their orders.

"We have in effect declared war on excess volatility," said John J. Phelan Jr., chairman of the NYSE board.

The NYSE action followed decisions by major investment firms Merrill Lynch and Co., Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., and PaineWebber Inc. to completely halt index arbitrage, a complex computerised trading technique that can look in profits based on the differences between the prices in stock shares and stock-index futures. Kidder, Peabody and Co., Oppenheimer and Co. and Morgan, Stanley and Co. said they would execute the practice only at a client's request.

Goldman, Sachs and Co. which gave up index arbitrage on its own account in 1988, said Thursday it will decline to carry out index arbitrage for clients if the market is down or up 30 points or more. It voiced support for the NYSE plan, citing "deterioration of liquidity and equity markets."

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, an index arbitrage centre, said Wednesday it would boost controls on such trading in falling markets.

Meanwhile, the stock market continued to show uneasiness with the widely followed Dow Jones Industrial Average moving higher early in the week with a revival in takeover speculation. However, late in the week, the Dow meandered lower when Compaq Computer Corp reported a disappointing earnings report that served to drag down the company's stock price. Other stock prices followed.

The stock market, anticipating weaker numbers, had little reaction Friday to the government's announcement that the nation's unemployment was steady in October at 5.3 per cent.

The Labour Department said the economy produced an unexpectedly high 233,000 new jobs during October, up from the 201,000 new jobs created in September.

The new jobs were almost entirely in the services sector of the economy, which gained 236,000 new jobs. Manufacturing, which lost 87,000 jobs in September, failed to rebound in October, losing 3,000 more jobs during the month.

Analysts had expected more sluggish job growth in October as part of a widely anticipated slowdown from the unexpectedly strong summertime economic growth.

As a result, the Federal Reserve has been cautiously letting interest rates inch downward in recent weeks, trying to walk the line between causing a recession with too tight a monetary policy and rekindling inflation with too lax a policy.

As a sign of unexpected economic strength, the October report could make the Fed, which has set a primary goal of reducing inflation, more reluctant to lower interest rates.

On the merger and acquisitions front, the maker of Britain's prestigious Jaguar automobile agreed Thursday to a \$2.5 billion takeover bid from Ford Motor Co.

Ford, which already owned about 13 per cent of Jaguar PLC shares, offered \$13.345 for each ordinary share, which some analysts described as a premium price.

In recent weeks, Jaguar has been the subject of a bidding war between US auto giants Ford, the No. 2 automaker, and General Motors Corp., the industry leader.

GM said in a statement it would not bid for any Jaguar shares, concluding that "the maximum value that could be assigned to all of the Jaguar shares was very significantly below" what Ford offered.

Takeover interest was rekindled in UAL Corp., parent of United Airlines, as Comiston partners said Friday it had taken a 9.7 per cent stake in the company and plans to seek control of the board.

Earlier in the week, UAL said financier Saul Steinberg was seeking regulatory clearance to increase his holding in UAL above 15 per cent.

Georgia-Pacific Corp. Tuesday offered \$3.19 billion, or \$58 a share, for Great Northern Nekeosa, which did not welcome the offer.

Nekeosa's stance may prompt a bidding war, analysts said. The week saw several top-level executive departures. Among them, troubled Campbell Soup Co. forced out its president and chief executive officer R. Gordon McGovern, suggesting members of the controlling Dorrance family intend to reshape the company following the death of chairman John T. Dorrance last spring.

Meanwhile, Robert L. Bernstein abruptly departed as chairman of Random House, the nation's largest publisher of general interest books. Bernstein had guided the company for 23 years, building it into an international publishing power.

Programme trading haunts Wall Street

\$40b invested in strategies

NEW YORK, Nov. 4, (AP): A host of Wall Street investment houses have stepped away from index arbitrage, but programme trading detractors say other, perhaps even more insidious trading strategies still haunt the stock market.

Designed to reduce risk and capable of moving huge numbers of shares with the flick of a computer key, trading techniques with militaristic names such as "tactical asset allocation" are being

used and, some say, could trigger rampant volatility.

Some \$40 billion was invested in asset allocation strategies eight months ago, according to estimates by the House of Representatives subcommittee on telecommunications and finance. And because the amount is growing rapidly, asset allocation has captured the concern of politicians and stock exchange officials alike.



Floor dealers in hectic trading at a stock exchange.

Crunch time for computer trading

Dow Jones closes higher

NEW YORK, Nov. 4, (AP): Among its many other afflictions, Wall Street lately has come down with a new and acute case of cyberphobia.

The term, defined simply as the fear of computers, was coined decades ago when scientists first began to experiment with electronic methods of handling information and conducting business.

Now it is focusing on the computer-driven tactics, such as multiple transactions involving stock-index futures and individual stocks — collectively known as programme trading — that are feared to be threatening severe harm to the integrity of the markets.

The latest outcry began Oct. 13 when the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell more than 190 points.

The market was perceived to be at the mercy of mindless computer-generated transactions, governed only by a few flimsy, untested safeguards adopted since the crash of 1987.

"This is insanity," said Raymond F. Devoe Jr. in a commentary for Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. "The Stock Exchange has become a casino for 'players,' with everyone else taking it on the chin."

Or as Jay Donnaruma at First Albany Corp. put it: "Some kind of compromise should be reached before there is nothing left but computers trading with other computers."

While those issues were debated, stock prices managed to cut their October losses a bit in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials closed Friday at 2,629.51, up 32.79 from the week before.

Average volume on the Big Board came to 148.18 million shares a day, against 175.01 million the week before.

News on Thursday that Georgia-Pacific was launching a bid for Great Northern Nekeosa of \$58 a share, or \$4.5 billion, sent the paper and forest products sectors up sharply and the Dow closed up more than 40 points. But on Thursday, Compaq Computer's announcement that

fourth-quarter earnings would be below year-earlier levels and analysts' expectations put a scare into the market. Technology issues tumbled and the blue chips closed down 14 points.

On the trading floor this week, Great Northern Nekeosa was the most active NYSE issue, surging 225/8 to 685/8 after the bid from Georgia-Pacific.

Chevron followed up 21/4 to 658/8. The company has been the subject of takeover speculation involving Pennzoil and reports yesterday had company executives saying there are several programmes in place to provide "superior" returns for stockholders.

Philip Morris was the third-most-active issue, up 3/4 to 421/8.

In the technology sector, Compaq Computer fell 121/8 to 881/2 after its gloomy fourth-quarter earnings forecast and other members of the group followed. Computer Associates lost 1/2 to 111/2. IBM fell 13/8 to 981/2. Unisys fell 11/8 to 151/8, and Hewlett-Packard fell 5/8 to 433/4.

Among takeover-related issues, UAL surged 133/4 to 1843/4 after news that Condor Partners said it would seek control of the board of the parent company of United Airlines.

Ford fell 11/2 to 455/8 after its \$2.5 billion planned takeover of Jaguar PLC. Georgia Gulf rose 5/8 to 541/4 after NL Industries renewed its bid for the company, and Georgia-Pacific fell 5/8 to 481/2 after its bid for Great Northern Nekeosa.

Among the active blue chips, USX rose 13/8 to 343/4, American Express fell 21/4 to 347/8, General Electric rose 1/4 to 537/8, AT&T rose 3/8 to 431/2, and Texaco rose 3/4 to 521/2.

On the American Stock Exchange, the Amex Market Value Index rose 1.78 to close Friday at 371.79. Declines led advances 425-384 among 997 issues traded.

Amex volume totalled 57,286,175 shares, compared with 59,647,355 traded a week earlier and 49,300,575 traded in the same week a year ago.

Pension and mutual funds have come to embrace the strategy, which in its simplest form divides money among stocks, bonds and cash. The most complex form of asset allocation expands to include future as well as foreign stocks and bonds.

Using computer models that evaluate the fundamentals of each market, money managers shift assets among the various asset classes. If the stock market appears attractive, for example, money managers might sell bonds to buy stocks.

It is the rapid movement of large sums of money that can spook the markets.

New York Stock Exchange chairman John Phelan yesterday voiced his concern over asset allocation this way: "The problem... is when you've got everybody following the same formula, it's like everybody deciding to take a drive in the country on a nice day, and you can't move because of the traffic on the roads."

On the political front, Rep Edward J. Markey, chairman of the Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, has asked the stock exchange to examine tactical asset allocation as part of its study of market volatility.

"It has potentially the same or even greater negative effect than portfolio insurance had in 1987," he said, referring to a strategy in which sophisticated investors sell options or futures against the underlying stock in a portfolio in attempts to offset price declines and enhance price increases.

Portfolio insurance was drastically curtailed following the Black Monday stock market crash two years ago.

While acknowledging that asset allocators moving funds in the same direction can have "a snowballing effect" on the market, Jack Barbanell noted that the strategy relies on the basically sound theory of "not putting all of your eggs in the same basket."

Barbanell, president of the Princeton, New Jersey-based First Global Asset Management Inc., said he thinks the concerns is overdone.

While the asset allocation concept has been around for some time, most money managers did not rely on it until after the 1987 crash, when they took a beating because they had too much money invested in the stock market.

In addition, pension funds typically had separate money managers handling investments in the various markets. Barbanell said it is only recently that money managers have developed the expertise to work across the various markets. Yet critics are frightened by the sheer amount of money involved.

"The danger is the more people who get involved in this strategy, there's a rush to do it first," said a state attorney for Markey's Committee. "If interest rates move, you have the same phenomenon of people rushing, firing off waves of selling, and the market doesn't have the liquidity to sustain massive waves of selling."

The attorney noted that any given point, index arbitrage, the practice that involved buying or selling stocks with opposite, offsetting trades in the futures market, involves no more than \$10 billion to 15 billion, a fraction of the amount of money devoted to asset allocation.



Soviet strike spreads

A coal miners strike in the Soviet Arctic grew as more miners joined in and others held a strike ballot, defying a Kremlin appeal to end the stoppage.

In Vorkuta, only one of the Arctic town's 13 pits was now working after another mine joined the strike yesterday, a spokesman for the local strike committee said.

The mines employ 26,000 people. Strikers met on Thursday and asked the government to send a commission to Vorkuta to examine their demands, the spokesman said. But there had been no response.

At Inna, 280 km (150 miles) southwest of Vorkuta, 15,000 workers were holding a strike vote, a strike committee spokesman said. "The picture we are getting is that the majority support a strike but the results will not be known until this evening," he said by telephone from Inna.

The Soviet parliament voted last month to ban strikes in the energy sector to prevent a repeat of July's damaging coal strike after President Mikhail Gorbachev warned that further labour unrest could derail his perestroika reforms. Picture shows striking miners looking disappointed as they hear that a government resolution is not being implemented. (Reuters wirephoto)

Currency auction

First Soviet bid

MOSCOW, Nov. 4, (AP): The Soviet Union yesterday conducted its first auction of foreign convertible currency, designed to give more state-run businesses access to foreign equipment and services.

The official Tass news agency reported that the auction took place at the bank for foreign economic relations, but did not say what the results were.

Such an auction could provide a more realistic picture of the value of the rouble against convertible foreign currencies than the high value supported by the government by showing how many roubles Soviets are willing to trade for the currency.

The rouble cannot be exported or traded on world markets for US dollars, British pounds, West German marks or other currencies.

Under the official rate, the dollar is worth only 0.6 roubles, but last week the government in effect admitted that rate was far too high. It set a new rate of about 6 roubles to the dollar for tourists coming to the Soviet Union and for Soviets trading their roubles to travel abroad.

Even that rate is far below the black market rate, which fluctuates at a rate higher than 10 roubles to the dollar. Similar auctions held recently in Czechoslovakia resulted in bids several times the official rate of 9-10 Czechoslovak crowns to the dollar.

Spain's bold step Banks to merge

BARCELONA, Nov. 4, (Reuters): Spain's biggest savings bank, Caja de Pensiones (La Caixa), and its rival Caja de Barcelona agreed yesterday to merge and create the country's largest financial institution.

The banks announced the merger in a joint statement following simultaneous board meetings.

The merger is subject to approval by their respective general assemblies on Nov. 30, the Catalan regional government, the Bank of Spain, tax concessions from the Economy Ministry and agreement from unions, the statement said.

The merged group will hold deposits of about 3,600 billion pesetas (\$30 billion) and have 2,000 branches, far outranking

Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, Spain's largest clearing bank.

Called La Caja de Pensiones Y de Barcelona, the new bank would be co-chaired by Juan Antonio Samaranch, chairman of La Caixa, and Josep Joan Pinto, chairman of La Caja de Barcelona.

To start with the new bank will concentrate its business in the prosperous northeastern region of Catalonia. None of Spain's largest commercial banks is Catalan in origin.

The socialist government of Felipe Gonzalez, re-elected last Sunday for a third term, has encouraged mergers between financial institutions to face competition in the 1992 single European market.

Foreign banks may opt to reduce debt

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 4, (AP): Many of Mexico's foreign creditors are opting to reduce outstanding debt rather than make new loans, the government newspaper El Nacional reports.

Mexico is currently awaiting responses from about 500 private foreign banks to a US-promoted debt-reduction plan that offers the banks several options. Those options included accepting cuts in interest or principal or making new loans.

The agreement, reached in July, deals with the \$52.7 billion of Mexico's \$107 billion foreign debt that is owed to private banks.

The El Nacional report yesterday, attributed to banking sources, said most of the major Japanese creditors will opt for cutting principal by 35 per cent on Mexican debt.

When the agreement was reached with the New York-based committee representing creditor banks world-wide, Mexican negotiators said they expected about 80 per cent of the banks to accept a reduction in principal or interest rather than provide new funds.

El Nacional said an analysis of replies from 120 banks showed most picking the reduction options rather than increasing their loans to Mexico, but gave no breakdown.

The deadline for the banks to choose their options under the agreement is Friday night, El Nacional said.

Venezuela has auctioned off \$146.6 million worth of investments in the first step of a debt-equity swap programme with bidders offering an average discount of 43 per cent.

British banks stand to lose upto \$640m on capital markets

LONDON, Nov. 4, (Reuters): British banks stand to lose up to £400 million (\$640 million) through cash-strapped local authorities losing exotic games on capital markets.

The high court cast a cloud over an expanding trend by ruling that a London borough council had no right to engage in deals involving swaps, options and other hybrids which are designed to reduce risk from volatile interest rates.

The court, in a judgement on Nov. 1 which effectively said Hammersmith and Fulham Council was

not responsible for the losses it incurred in such dealing, acknowledged swaps could be valuable in managing debt and hedging interest rate risks.

"We can see that properly controlled activities of this nature could provide a useful tool which, if it were available to the council, would enable it to minimise its expenditure on interest and increase its income from investments," the court said.

But this tribute to swaps seems unlikely to soothe exasperated bankers, who could lose as much as £400 million from deals with Hammersmith and

other councils.

Bankers have made it clear they will appeal against the ruling, which some privately denounce as highly damaging to market confidence.

Industry sources say the booming sterling market will continue to grow briskly, but they fear liquidity will suffer, at least initially, from the withdrawal of major players. Until last year, councils accounted for one fifth of all such deals.

Sterling interest rate swaps reported to the New

York-based International Swap Dealers Association last year doubled in volume to £29 billion (\$46 billion). The trade group argues that the first expansion underlines the need for hedging instruments.

One reason the court ruling so rankles with the banks is that some of the local government bodies used to be counted among the best names in the market.

"Local authorities were considered to be almost risk-free," one senior economist at a British clearing bank said.

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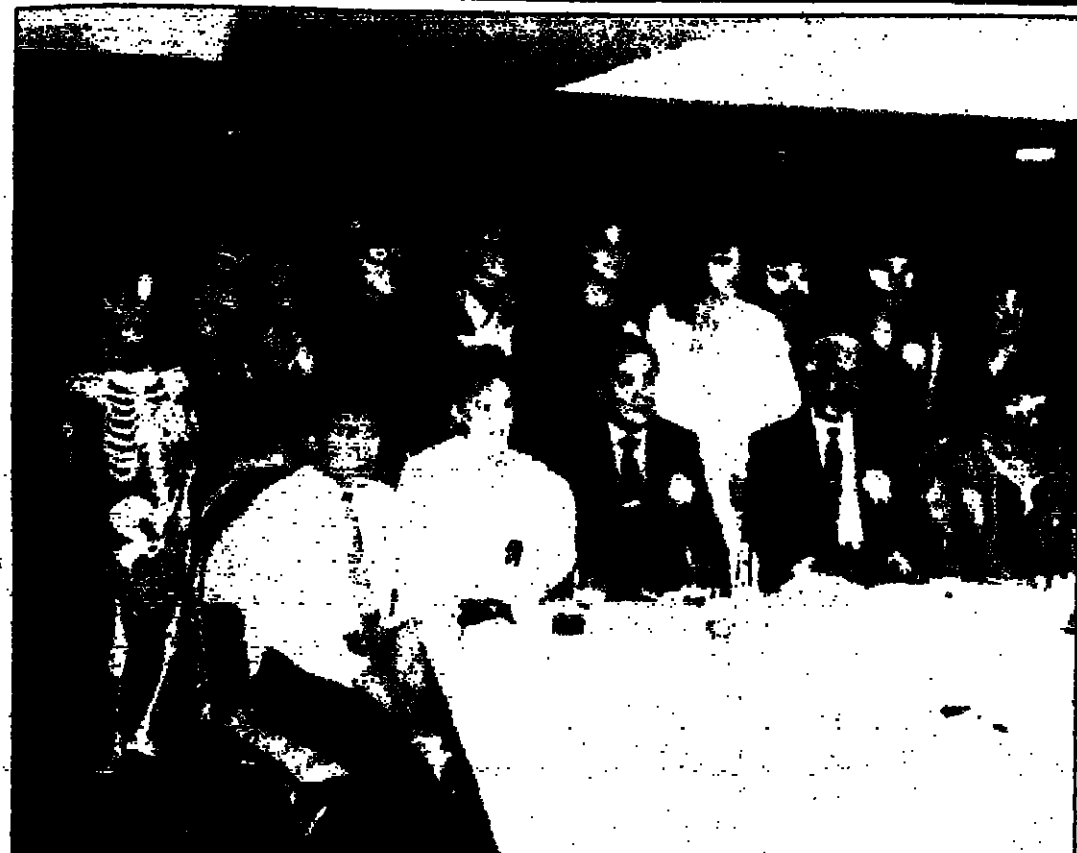
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EVENTS



Halloween night with Flassik, Ambassador Tamano and his wife.



Orly Gallego, winner of Flassik '89's Michael Jackson dance-alike contest, receives his trophy and gift from M.H. Muhammad Abdul Salam and Norie Tamano, the wife of the Philippine ambassador to Kuwait.

Invasion of the Spooks

HALLOWEEN, the eve of All Saints' Day and Flassik's programme for the benefit of its welfare recipients was a stupendous success judging from the number of people who joined Flassik in another of its altruistic projects. The guests commemorated this pagan feast by arriving in their weirdest, spookiest costumes from black cats to black widow spiders, ghosts and goblins, witches and wizards, all adding up to conjure an air of eeriness. Flassik and friends shod everyone that charitable endeavours can also be fun and exciting.

The evening started with the Kuwaiti national anthem followed by the Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas led by Flassik '89 director's Tess Balderas.

Grace Fe N. Covarrubias, looking very spooky in her ghost outfit, welcomed the guests and thanked them for their vital support rendering towards Flassik's projects. She also articulately greeted Flassik's friends in Arabic.

A modern dance of mysticism was performed by the talented tandem of Flassik's friends from Jahra Hospital — Vangie Simoy and Carl Baginda.

The affair was graced by the presence of

the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait, Dr. Mauryag Mohammad Tamano and his wife, Hadja Norie Tamano. The ambassador heaped praises on Flassik's president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and her officers and lauded the welfare projects they have zealously undertaken during their term of office. He also exhorted Filipino workers to be loyal to their employers and to always uphold the virtues of industriousness and diligence which the Filipinos are well known for. He emphasized the need for unity and co-operation between the Filipino community, our host country, Kuwait and other members of the expatriate community here.

Ambassador Tamano was introduced by the statuesque Flassik secretary, Marilyn M. Inductivo.

Rena Marin, wife of the Philippine Labour Attache Bert Marin, mesmerized the audience with her rendition of "memory" from the bestselling Broadway hit "Evita." Then a 20th century dance from the World Beyond was performed by Billy Vergary whose fluidity of movement enthralled the audience.

Flassik's parties have always been the

means for the working population to relax, unwind and have good, wholesome entertainment. Marivic Castillo of Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital looked ethereal as she awed the audience with her jazz-ballet number.

The highlight of the evening was the search for the Flassik '89 Michael Jackson based upon the best-selling film "Thriller." A group of sprightly, lithe gentlemen competed for the coveted title and the audience were raptly thrilled with the imitations of Michael Jackson to tunes of songs like "Thriller" and "Beat It."

The members of the board of judges headed by Consul General Olivia V. Palala had a difficult time in reaching their verdict since all the contestants performed superbly. The 3rd runner-up went to Khalid Mohammad, 2nd runner-up was Jun Santos, 1st runner-up was Sam Vamal and the title of "Flassik '89 Michael Jackson" went to Orly Gallego who was indeed the epitome of the mega star that night. The other judges were Lito Matig — A of FCC, Flassik treasurer R.C. Ruiz and Connie Uy.

The winners were awarded trophies and valuable prizes under the courtesy of M.H. Muhammad Abdul Salam, managing partner of Jamal Al Ghanim Supermarkets.

Before the Halloweeners danced the night away, after a sumptuous dinner, Flassik '89 announced the winners of the costume contest. Pamela Rose Rojo bagged the "Cutest Costume" as she romped around in her Bugs Bunny attire complete with a carrot. "Funniest costume" went to Jett Tan who was dressed as a clown. "Spookiest costume" went to Sylvia Binara who came in an ensemble which was a combination of body parts from various characters which made her almost unrecognizable. Amir Jamal was awarded the "Wierdest costume" title when he came in a glitzy spectre of the angel of death. Camela Turner, who appeared as a "Hobo" got the "Most Original" costume award and Carl Baginda who was the evening's Count Dracula was adjudged "Best Halloween Costume."

Flassik '89 wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to M.H. Muhammad Abdul Salam for his generosity in sponsoring the affair.

Globe Theatre

Specialty commissioned drama from some of today's leading playwrights feature in this year's season of plays. Michael Billington previews the five plays to be heard and introduces the Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa author of this week's work, *Mad for the Love of Old Balconies*. A comedy it centres on a professor of history (Frank Middlemass) who has spent the past 40 years teaching in the Peruvian capital of Lima. He has fallen in love with its colonial balconies and when

they are threatened by building developers he mounts a crusade to save them and restore them to their former splendour.

Sunday, November 5 at 14.30 and 21.30
Frequencies 17.64 MHz/17.01m; 15.07 MHz/19.91m; 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

The lives of Joseph Stalin

Joseph Stalin has been seen in many

lights as a great revolutionary and the rightful heir to Lenin; as a great military commander and the saviour of the Soviet people, and as the man responsible for the deaths of countless peasants. In a series of three programmes Stephen Dalziel, a BBC specialist in Soviet affairs, talks to leading historians in the Soviet Union and in the West about Stalin's role in history.

Friday, Nov 10 at 10.30 and 15.15.
Frequencies 17.64 MHz/17.01m; 15.07 MHz/19.91m; 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

In the Psychiatrist's Chair

Sultry songstress Eartha Kitt's life has been tinged with tragedy. She says she is two people — one the singer and entertainer, the other the private person who takes over when she steps off the stage. Now she is the subject of another searching interview by Dr Anthony Clare.

Sunday, Nov 5 at 19.15 and Monday, Nov 6 at 10.30 and 16.30.
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m; 15.07 MHz/19.91m; 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

ARTS

Islamic Art
A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

Sultan Gallery
A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

Hobby centre
New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults.
For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.
Watercolour painting
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Mills. New 8 week course in drawing and painting for adults. For details Tel: 5618847.

SOCIAL

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a Nite to Celebrate Yulide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sum-

ptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 553 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

Daniella Bingo
NOV 15, 8 pm: Daniella invites all Danes to Bingo games at the Gazelle club. For reservations please call Ingo on 3727690 ext 207 or Karen Marie on 3715146 before November 13.

Flassik's love drive
CANNED goods and second hand clothes are needed for Flassik's love drive. Blankets and winter wear are desperately needed for Flassik's welfare beneficiaries. Kindly contact any Flassik officer if you have any donations.

Flassik's Christmas Project
FLASSIK invites everyone to its December project, a Christmas Carol Concert featuring the famous melodiously-talented Filipino Choir under its director Gilda Navarro.

X'mas tree
DEC 15: Annual children's X'mas tree function will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday, December 15, '89 from 9.30 am onwards. Lots of prizes and surprises awaits for one and all. Top Ranks in attendance.

To avoid disappointment call for your early bookings on 2413348.

People's Trust Club
DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelty and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

Minister's visit
PAKISTAN'S Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources, Jahangir Badar

arrived here today on a three-day visit. He will meet members of the Pakistani community today (Nov 5, 1989) at 4.00 pm at the embassy. Pakistanis are cordially invited.

Naval visit
TWO Indian Naval Ships — INS Gomti, a frigate and INS Shakti, a tanker are scheduled to pay a goodwill visit to the State of Kuwait from November 9, to November 15, 1989. The ships will be berthed at Shuwaik Sea Port and will be open to visit by members of the public on Thursday November 9, 1989 from 2 pm to 5 pm and on Friday November 10, from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. Entry passes may be collected from the Embassy of India, 34, Shara Inteqal, Bousheri Building, P.O. Box 1450 Safat, 13015 Safat, Kuwait, on Sunday (November 5, 1989) — 2 pm to 7 pm; Monday (November 6, 1989) — 9 am to 5 pm.

Navellin feast
The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellin will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Pianist wanted
KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

Navellin Youth Centre
NOV 16: An annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Get together
DEC 22: Southerners welcome you once again to a family get-together at Le Mirage Hall at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 10 am.

Nostalgia Filpina
THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will organise the Philippine Community Day on Friday, November 24, which coincides with the selection of Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait '89, a personality and talent contests. The theme of this year's celebration is Nostalgia Filpina.

The association's main objective of this year's project is to ease loneliness and homesickness of the Filipinos in Kuwait and to feel that they are not away from home.

The Hiyas is the first of its kind by Kapilku and this year's selection will be the biggest, more colourful and exciting ever, Kapilku president Manny Inserto said.

It will be a cultural show and musical extravaganza will be an added attraction to all guests which will be performed by best Filipino singers in Kuwait.

For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for Social and Cultural Affairs and the chairperson of the project on telephone No. 4843447 or Jun Mercado vice-chairman on telephone number 4899418.

Musical Nights with Adnan Bull
A variety of popular Indian and Pakistani songs, ghazals and gets to be presented in exclusive musical gatherings on four consecutive Thursdays starting from November 23, 1989 at various locations in Kuwait. For details contact 3919720, 3610088 and 4743955.

Rock 'n' roll
NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

Ladies International League
THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL.

Contact
THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10.00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

First "Big" Meeting:
NOVEMBER 6, 1989 at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel in the Bubyun Room at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome. No children allowed. Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL.

SPORTS

Yoga morning classes
MESSILAH Beach Hotel yoga morning classes will commence Tuesday, November 28, at 9.30 am, 5 classes KD 10/- to register contact 5624111 ext 739/751.

Swimming/life saving
SWIMMING/life saving courses with Royal Life Saving, society coach and grade 1 examiner will be commencing at Messilah Beach Hotel Club.

Accounting courses continue

THE third week of the Book-keeping and Basic Accounting free classes organised by the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) was packed by enthusiastic participants who were eager to learn about the complete accounting cycle in solving the single proprietorship transaction sponsored by the Far East Restaurant.

Jun Arenas, a banker and finance attache discussed the correct presentation and treatment of the accounts in income statements. He explained the definition of the respective accounts. Jun de Dios, finance and administration manager of EEI then explained the relationship of each account in the balance sheet. He further discussed the meaning of each account title in the Statement of Condition.

Delfin Yambot, chief accountant of KBC gave an actual transaction in a single proprietorship service business which delighted clever students.

Manny Inserto, Kapilku's president and a banker, briefly discussed each account presented in the balance sheet of a Philippine Commercial Bank. The account names were discussed thoroughly by Prexy Inserto.

Construction accounting
IN THE next session, Friday, the lecturers, Joe Sta. Maria, chief accountant of EEI and De Dios will discuss project costing (cost centre), types of projects, financing of construction business and the significance of construction accounting.

A case study about the manufacturing business will be presented by Yambot to enable the participants to understand transaction recordings and the necessary treatment of each problem.

Inserto will also explain the new innovations in the banking industry, plus the official presentation of the Statement of Earnings and Expenses and the Balance Sheet (Statement of Condition).

Finally, the importation of cars by Filipino contract workers will be discussed by Arenas on Friday, November 17th. All Kapilku members who wish to stay for the discussion are welcome.

Sarah Macarimbang, vice president for social & cultural affairs is the chairperson of the Book-keeping & Basic Accounting Courses.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

Morning

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
9.40 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety
9.50 Around the World: Cartoon Serial
10.05 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
10.15 Al Ghaba: Arabic serial (part 15)
11.15 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety
11.30 That's Incredible: Variety Programme
12.35 News Summary
12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

Evening

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
4.45 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial
5.15 Cartoons
5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
6.00 Al Islam Hadhara: Religious Serial (part 1), starring Omar Al Hani, Hasan Husni, Hassan Yousif, Hala Fakher
7.15 Diwaniyat Shuara Al Nabat: Local Programme on poetry
8.00 Hwar Elm: Cultural Programme, presented by Yaqoob Al Sultan, prepared by The Kuwaiti Chemists Society
8.30 Good Evening and local news
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Tareq Min Al Sama: Arabic Serial (part 1), starring Ezzat Al Alayli, Salah Qabeel, Layla Taher and Nadeya Azzat
10.30 Rai Al Samt: Bedouin Serial (part 6), starring Abcer Issa, Roudi Al Safadi, Amal Al Dabbas and Anwar Khaleel

11.45 News Summary
11.50 The World Today via Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
6.10 The New Three Stooges. A cartoon series for children
6.30 Munsters Today "The Howling" Herman trains on Kong-Fu; "Addie" tries singing
7.00 Mutual of Omaha's "Rafting into Siberia" A joint American and Soviet team carry out an exploration trip in Siberia. The team members perform their mission in a brotherly and friendly atmosphere...
8.00 News in English
8.30 Bergerac. "Fall of a Birdman" A hang-glider disappears during a break in the shooting of a TV commercial... His body is found on the other side of the island... Bergerac investigations lead to unexpected results...
9.30 Life and Death "Poison" A look at poisons and contagious diseases.
10.00 The Robert Guillaume Show "They're Here" Dr Edward's father imagines that he has met creatures from the outer space and calls people to believe him.
10.30 Bestseller. "The Family Tree" Part 2. Kevin's attitude towards his children's problems and the children of his new wife.
12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Idol
Salmiya
Hall booked
Al Hamra
Arabic film
Drive-in
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Revenge of the Nerds II
Fahad Open
Yeh Gulshan Hamara

Fahad
The Milagro Beanfield War
Al Jaha
Ganga Tere Desh Mein
Canada
Main Tara Dushman
Salam
Laughing Times
Jeh
Kandathum Kettathum
Ahmadi Drive-in
Blow Out

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait City
Al Istiqal Pharmacy
Safat Square
Al Omer Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kaber Street
Hawalli and Al Nagra
Al Naser Pharmacy
Tunis Street
Al Salmiya
Al Markaziya Pharmacy
Amro Ben Al Aas Street
Al Fahad
Abu Halifah Pharmacy
Coastal Road

Al Farwaniya
Hulaita Pharmacy
Clinic Street
Al Jaha
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Souk

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.43 am
Zuhr	11.32
Asr	2.37 pm
Maghreb	4.09
Isha	6.18



Narthana's Anarkali

As a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted, passes available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/2461589/5643126.

FILIPINO DIGEST

SNIPPERS

Tourist guide mauled: A Filipino tourist guide filed a complaint with the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) against his Japanese employer who allegedly maltreated him.

Jose Laurio, 26, of 12 Serrano Compound Dona Rosario Subdivision, Novaliches, Quezon City, said his employer almost killed him by kicking and boxing him when he went home without permission.

Laurio said on July 15, he asked the permission of Akio Tajima, 21, tourist, a native of Tokyo, Japan and presently residing at 32 Yakal St., Proj. 3, Quezon City to visit his family.

Laurio said Tajima neither approved or turned down his request so he went home but he left a letter informing Tajima that he will be back after a few hours.

Laurio claimed that Tajima maltreated him when he returned. His third rib was fractured as a result of the mauling.

Drunk soldiers maul tribesman: An Aeta tribesman is seeking the help of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) for the prosecution of four military troopers who allegedly manhandled him in Bato, Camarines Sur Wednesday.

Adelmo Barso, the Aeta first complained before some members of the Civilian Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU) that he was mauled and made to walk on his knees Wednesday by four drunken Army scout rangers while he was peddling herbal medicines in Barangay crossing in Bato, Camarines Sur.

The 45-year-old ethnic tribesman residing in the upland village of Matacon, Polangui, Albay, said he can recognize his tormentors if he sees them again.

The victim complained that he was kicked and boxed by the drunken soldiers as he walked on his knees.

Baros said selling indigenous medicines during market days in the barangay and in other places is his main source of livelihood.

Poisoned: The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said that the trader found dead inside the Halina Lodge in Pasay City died of asphyxia through carbon monoxide poisoning.

NBI Dr. Maximino Reyes said results of tests conducted on the lady companion of the trader were not yet ready.

Edgardo Mulles, 34, of Quezon City and Jocelyn Ceniza, 18, a worker of the Vice-Versa Beerhouse in Makati, were already lifeless in their car in a garage when a roomboy tried to check on them.

The NBI said Mulles was negative for poisonous substances in the veins, lungs, liver and spleen.

Mulles was also negative for drugs.

Reyes said the couple could have inhaled the exhaust from their car when they turned on the engine.

The tests, however, could not say whether the couple suffocated intentionally or not.

Mulles' wife, Alma, stood pat on her belief that her husband was murdered.

Gold hunt stopped: The Department of Tourism said it had stopped the digging in Baguio's Burnham Park in search of Yamashita's gold.

Tourism Secretary Peter Garrucho Jr said he was forced to make an on-the-spot investigation after Baguio residents complained about the digging.

Garrucho said Teofilo Garcia, hired by the Philippine Tourism Authority, admitted that the digging was made underneath the food stalls near the Burnham Park grandstand at night to escape public notice.

Garcia admitted that because Burnham Park was widely rumored to be sheltering part of Yamashita's treasure, second only to Fort Santiago in Intramuros, he was prompted to start a search.

Baby exchange: A live baby boy has been allegedly swapped for a dead baby girl by personnel of a government maternity hospital.

Butcher Eugenio Manisil, 27, and Jocelyn Torres, 25, of 1715 Int. 15 Pedro Gil St. San Vicente, Paco, Manila narrated to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) that she was rushed to the hospital for labour pains.

The following day Jocelyn delivered by caesarean section. At bed 212 on the second floor she was informed that her baby was a "very weak girl."

Eugenio said he requested hospital personnel to let him see the baby but a nurse barred him, saying the child "was under medication and in an incubator."

The maniaos said they were roused from sleep by a nurse and informed that their child was already dead.

Eugenio asked the nurse to let him see his child even if she was already in the morgue. He was ushered into a door leading to the morgue but was stopped meters after by a guard who said no one could be admitted until morning.

Eugenio said he returned to her wife and saw her scanning the records in the nurses' station. They then found out that Jocelyn actually gave birth to a boy.

The couple called attention of the nurses and a doctor but they were ignored.

12 slain in clashes: Five new People's Army (NPA) men — including the nephew of Leopoldo Mablangan alias Ka Hector, chief of the Malito Glor command — and seven army troopers were killed in separate clashes in Tayabas, Quezon and Tiat, Cagayan, military authorities reported.

The southern Luzon command (Solcom) based in camp Nakar said members of the scout ranger battalion led by Maj. Cristofito Balaing were on patrol in Barangay Valencia, Tayabas when they encountered some 30 heavily armed NPA men at about 7 a.m.

Reports said government soldiers killed five of the rebels as they fled. Slain were a certain Ka Lito, a nephew of Ka Hector based in Quezon province, Ka Jet, Ka Ranto and wife Doris and Ka Nori.

In Tiat, Cagayan, about 100 communist terrorists killed seven army soldiers in Barangay Cumarung.

Two women recruiters arrested: Two suspected illegal recruiters for a Kuwait-based company were arrested by Capcom West Sector soldiers after an applicant complained that they gave her two different passports.

Arrested were Edna Reotica, 30, of 1028 Felix Huertas, Sta. Cruz, Manila, and Virginiana Dixon, 43, of 1083 San Luis St. Vigan, Ilocos Sur, said Capcom intelligence officer Capt. Antonio Ibay.

They said one Concesa Felmed, 21, of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, accused the two women of giving her two passports, one as contract worker and the other as tourist.

Felmed alleged that she paid Reotica and Dixon some P15,000 for her travel papers as domestic helper for a Kuwaiti employer with a monthly salary of 40 dinars. She said the two recruiters failed to send her to Kuwait.

The two passports issued to Felmed were found to be genuine but Department of Foreign Affairs officials told Ibay that it is illegal for anyone to get two passports.

DO YOU KNOW?

- Cory Aquino was fully aware of the coup plotted by Enrile much before the presidential elections of 1985. Read *Worth Dying For* by Simon Lewis.
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- How hollow Imelda's claim was for her aristocratic origins. Read *Rise and Fall of Imelda* by Carmen Pedrosa
- How Marcos concocted War Medal stories and how the crown capitalism thrived. Read *The Marcos File* by Charles McDougald

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Lawmen inspect the big marijuana haul taken to the Rizal PC headquarters in Taytay.

54 sacks of marijuana to be burned

THE 54 sacks of high-grade marijuana leaves abandoned by members of a drug syndicate and subsequently found by the police in Fairview, Quezon City the other day will be burned, Vice-Mayor Toto Sotto said.

Sotto, the city anti-drug council chairman, said his group and the city's police are hot on the trail of members of the 14-K gang, the notorious drug ring that is suspected to own the huge drug cache.

The sacks contained about 30 kilos each of dried marijuana leaves, neatly packed and ready for shipment. Camp Carme authorities have said the value of the contraband could easily be raised by 500 per cent abroad.

Also the other day, soldiers found 26 sacks of marijuana at a suspected "drop-off" point in Antipolo, Rizal. Reports said a watchman left hastily aboard a motorcycle upon seeing the lawmen. The unidentified man is now being hunted by constabulary soldiers.

Sotto did not reveal other details of the police operation and the exact place where the marijuana leaves will be burned, but hinted it might be done inside Camp Carme.

The campaign against prohibited drugs intensi-

fied following the expose of Sen. Ernesto Herrera on the alleged involvement of military officials, including Criminal Investigation Service chief Brig. Gen. Pantaleon Dumlaog, with alleged drug lords.

In Zamboanga City, the regional anti-narcotics task force said it has in its watch list a total of 41 drug dealers, including alleged big-time drug lord Tomas Velasco.

Col Manuel Pepino, Recom 9 deputy police commander and head of the anti-narcotics task force, revealed that Velasco, 71 is a naturalized Filipino who is pure Chinese from Basilan province, where he owns a big coconut plantation at Barangay Pangasaan.

Pepino also revealed that Velasco is financing a marijuana-agar agar venture by a local Chinese contact.

Pepino showed a check supposedly issued by Velasco for half a million pesos for a well known local businessman who is also a suspected gambling lord in the region.

Pepino said a number of drug pushers in their are big Chinese businessmen who have connections in Manila.

Monsod expects high inflation

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE failure of the country's debt negotiators to infuse new money into the economy will result in a 13.6 per cent inflation rate and 9.6 per cent unemployment by the end of the year, according to former Economic Planning Secretary Solita Monsod.

Testifying before hearing of the Senate committee on banks, financial institutions and currencies and the subcommittee on finance, Monsod painted a bleak picture of the economy at the end of 1989.

Monsod said the government's goal to close the financing gap within the next two months cannot be achieved as earlier predicted by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and the Central Bank.

This according to Monsod, was because the new money expected to come this year to replenish the country's foreign exchange reserves will be staggered next year as follows: 60 per cent in January, 20 per cent in June and 20 per cent in December.

Sen. Alberto Romulo, committee chairman, said the absence of new money while the country continues to pay foreign debts would mean a growth rate of 4 per cent, instead of 6 per cent, for 1989 and an unemployment rate of 9 per cent.

This, he said, would lead to a rise in the prices of commodities, the devaluation of the peso, and a general drawback in the economy.

Monsod also criticized debt negotiators for satisfying foreign creditors at the expense of the constituents.

Eight soldiers sacked by AFP

Charged with human rights violation

THE Armed Forces has dismissed eight soldiers out of 1,295 charged with human rights violations before the Commission on Human Rights since 1986, a defence department report released early this week said.

This year, 170 cases of human rights violations allegedly committed from January to August this year, were filed against the AFP with the human rights commission, the same report said.

In a related development, people killed defending and promoting human rights will be honored today in a funeral march and procession organized by human rights groups in Cebu and Iloilo cities.

The Visayas Human Rights Conference (VHRC) said this year's commemoration "exposes the sordid state of human rights" under the Aquino administration.

"Our people mourn for the martyrs of this government's repressiveness — the repressiveness that surpasses even the ferocious attacks of the Marcos rule," the VHRC said.

In its report, the defence department also said the AFP, which was given by President Aquino until 1991 to crush the communist insurgency, has captured since January a total of 50 rebels holding sensitive positions from district to national level.

The defence department said that while the AFP enjoyed a banner year in the counterinsurgency, the military was on the defensive with a high number of abusive soldiers, many of whom go scot-free for lack of sufficient evidence and because of the indifference of their victims to pursue the cases.

The DND report did not specify the number of soldiers charged and their victims, but the incidents covered included the much-publicized massacre of nine fishpen workers by a platoon of Marines in Paombong, Bulacan.

On top of the list of captured dissidents were Satur Ocampo, secretary of the National United Front Commission; Carolina-Malay-Ocampo, NUFC deputy secretary, and Wilma Austria-Tiamzon, secretary of the National Peasant Commission.

The military said the three are members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Aquino, in her speech Monday at Camp Aguinaldo, singled out corruption and abuse of human rights as threats that may upset the military's string of victories.

It was Aquino's first admonition to the AFP to behave as it strives to beat the 1991 deadline she has set to defeat the CPP and the New People's Army.

The military has successfully "neutralized" six CPP/NPA leaders from the national leadership and four key officers in the "territorial functional commissions," the DND report said.

The military arrested 20 CPP/NPA officers on the regional level, 14 from the provincial front committee level, and five from the district level, the report, released early this week, also showed.

A wave of arrests in Cebu and Davao last month practically crippled the dissident leadership in Visayas and Southern Mindanao. The military nabbed 25 CPP/NPA leaders last month, recording an all-time high in the 20-year history of the insurgency.

But the "string of victories" are marred by a high number of abusive soldiers and para-military men used by the AFP in battling the insurgents.

The DND reported a total number of 1,295 cases of alleged human rights violations were filed at the CHR against military and police personnel since 1986, 45 against the Civilian Volunteers Organization and 266 against the disbanded Civilian Home Defence Forces.

Mitra's plea for P5 palay price rejected

By Victor C. Agustin and Tony S. Bergonia

PRESIDENT Aquino turned down the appeal of Speaker Ramon V. Mitra to reconsider her decision rejecting a 50-centavo per kilo increase in the government's buying price of palay.

The President stood firm on her decision despite threats from militant farmers to cut Metro Manila's rice supply by holding on to their harvests and refusing to sell palay at lower than P5 per kilo.

Ms Aquino, however, said she would still meet with peasant leaders on Monday to discuss how to improve the farmers' income without having to raise palay prices.

"We recognize the need to increase the net

income of farmers even more, and so I shall be meeting with representatives of farmers groups on Monday to discuss and consider this problem anew," Aquino said in a written answer to questions submitted by reporters.

The President said she hoped the government and the farmers' groups would agree on "ways to increase farmers' income without necessarily increasing the price of rice to the general public."

The left-wing *Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas*, which led the demand for higher palay prices, has yet to decide whether or not to attend the dialogue with the President.

The KMP has moved out of the Department of Agriculture office in Quezon City where they had pitched camp for 10 days to demand higher palay prices.

KMP leaders, however, are preparing for

more protest actions, including nation-wide farm strikes and more demonstrations.

Aquino said only "very recently" (Oct. 27) she authorized the increase of the National Food Authority's buying price from P3.50 to P4.50 a kilo.

She said Malacanang was studying plans to build small dams to ensure year-round irrigation for farmers and the construction of more drying and storage facilities where farmers could keep their palay until prices rise.

Mitra, a former Aquino agriculture secretary, joined the chorus of farmers clamouring for the 15 kilo buying price.

Mitra said the increase would assure the farmers of "their own minimum wage just as much as the organized labour in our cities."

Mitra's protégé, Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez, was also in favour of

Raising prices of oil products unnecessary

Such, generate at least P10b per year

DOMESTIC prices of

petroleum products can be maintained at their present levels if the national government replenishes the Oil Price Stabilization Fund or if it agreed to substantial reductions in taxes on fuel.

Taxes on fuel products generate at least P10 billion annually for the government.

But given the need to earn more and keep its deficit within budget within manageable levels, it is unlikely that the government will agree to forego revenues due from the petroleum sector.

At present, an average of 1.47 per cent of wholesale posted price (WPP) of eight key fuel products goes to the government in the form of ad valorem tax, duty, wharfage and fees assessed by the Energy Regulatory Board.

WFP refers to the price of the fuel product excluding the handling charge and the dealer's mark-up.

These products include premium gas, regular gas, aviation fuel, kerosene, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, asphalt and thinners.

The ad valorem tax is assessed as a percentage of the value of the fuel. Hence, as consumption increases, so does the ad valorem tax take.

On the other hand, customs duty is charged for every imported commodity at the point of entry at rates set by law.

The ERB (see box) said the duty which is based on the weight of the product is equivalent to one per cent of the cost of the product and freight value.

Wharfage is a fee assessed by the Philippine Ports Authority for the use of port facilities by oil companies.

Industry estimates show that in the per litre cost of premium gasoline, about 66.72 per cent or P3.6595 of its WPP of P5.4846 per litre price goes to the national treasury.

Thus, it can be seen that the projected price increase of more than P1 per litre can be easily absorbed by merely reducing the

government tax take. In the meantime, the country faces two scenarios in determining whether fuel prices should be raised or not.

If the Congress approved a proposed legislation allocating P5 billion for the Oil Price Stabilization Fund to be sourced from several government offices, then there may be no need for a price increase.

But without the funding or corresponding cuts in taxes, fuel prices will have to be increased for the oil industry to continue to be viable.

The OPSE, the buffer fund set up to absorb fluctuations in crude and foreign exchange costs and maintain local prices at constant levels, has a deficit of P4 billion at the end of August this year.

One way of averting a price increase is for this fund to be replenished.

The depletion of the OPSE means that the local oil companies have already been digging deep into their pockets in terms of advances to keep the flow of crude imports going.

Oil companies buy crude using 360-day credit lines as specified by a Central Bank order which asked the oil firms to go on 360-day credit lines instead of the usual 60 to 90 days preferred by the firms.

The government was forced to ask the oil firms to do this because of the limited foreign exchange reserves of the government.

But with the recent increases in world crude prices without the corresponding increases in domestic prices, and the inability of the OPSE to provide a subsidy to maintain local prices, oil firms are in danger of losing their credit lines.

A worst case scenario may occur under which crude suppliers declare Philippine oil companies in default and stop selling crude.

While officials of two of the country's three oil firms have said that they still have sufficient

cash to assure supply of fuel, they admitted that world crude price increases are taking a toll on their cash flow.

The problem with a tight cash flow is that oil firms are unable to finance expansion programmes needed to cope with the Philippines' growing economy.

An official of Filipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. pointed out that the fear of a default situation is more real than imagined. Credit accounts need to be updated late this year and oil firms may not have the cash to pay their bankers.

Another problem that may come up with the delay in price adjustments is that since two of the three oil firms are multinational companies, parent companies abroad may suddenly decide to phase out their operations if they deemed business in the country to be a losing proposition.

Filipinas Shell noted that changing situations in the international market have made the oil business more complicated.

Shell prepared a position paper that was sent to Sen. Orlando Mercado stating that direct crude purchases from oil producers have become uneconomical and disadvantageous to the country because of radical changes in the international crude market.

Shell said that oil firms have been able to get lower crude prices by buying in the spot crude market rather than by buying directly from oil producers under term agreements.

The paper explained that "direct buys" have become unattractive because the pricing schemes of oil producers are usually the traditional formulas offered to big Japanese volume buyers which are generally unattractive to local oil companies who buy smaller volumes.

Shell also stressed that the local oil companies should be given the flexibility to decide on what types of crude to purchase to fit their particular marketing requirements.

PRICE BREAKDOWN OF FUEL PRODUCTS METRO MANILA PESO PER LITER

	DIRECT COMPANY RECOVERY	OPSE	TOTAL TAX	HAULING CHARGE	DEALER'S MARK-UP	PUMP PRICE
PREMIUM	3.6830	-1.5901	3.6595	0.0575	0.2543	5.89
REGULAR	3.3178	-1.2588	3.3224	0.0575	0.2448	5.45
AVTURBO	3.5433	0.5298	3.5305	0.0800	0.0000	
KEROSENE	3.5929	-1.3199	1.3944	0.2302	0.2302	3.78
DIESEL OIL	3.5309	-1.2543	1.3746	0.2499	0.2499	3.78
LPG	2.9280	-1.0125	1.1958	0.0000	0.0000	
ASPHALTS	2.7988	1.1633	3.057	0.0000	0.0000	
THINNERS	3.5433	2.9886	3.778	0.0000	0.0000	

(Some of these are unofficial figures)

Cebu PC men stage protest vs PNP bill

CEBU CITY: More than 1,000 Constabulary troopers demonstrated here to protest the proposed abolition of the PC because of alleged incompetence and corruption.

Elsewhere, Constabulary troops in Manila and in northern Luzon have been wearing black armbands and putting streamers on camp fences and vehicles as part of the protest.

"We are protesting against the bill," Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dixon, regional Constabulary chief, told reporters.

The Constabulary soldiers, rallying inside Camp President Sergio Osmeña Sr., were supported by other representatives from the army, air force, navy and the coast guard. However, observers said the protest was in violation of the Articles of War.

The House of Representatives and the Senate have approved their respective versions of the bill abolishing the PC and creating the Philippine National Police.

Most military opposition to the Constabulary reorganization has focused on the Senate version. In the bill approved by the Senate last Friday, about 24

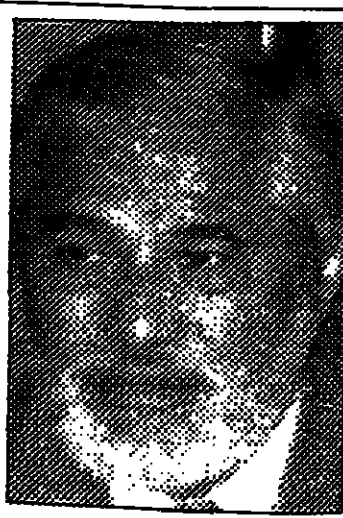
Constabulary generals would be barred from joining the new force and about 100 colonels would face early retirement.

The House version allows all Constabulary men to join after close civilian screening. Critics, led by Sen. Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate defence committee, said the Constabulary has not been effective as an internal peacekeeping force fighting the 20-year-old communist insurgency because of alleged incompetence and widespread corruption.

Col Andres Suparable, the region's Constabulary chief of staff, said the bill was an "insult to all of us, specifically the PC generals." He led troops in burning facsimiles of admission slips into new police force.

Recently, the Constabulary soldiers in the Ilocos region met in La Union to discuss the implications of the bill and agreed to stand solidly against the Senate version.

Reports quoted Sen. Neptali Gonzales as saying at least 12 of the 23-member Senate were willing to change the objectionable portions of the bill.



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Monica Herrera a Vic Sotto fan

WHEN Monica Herrera was offered the role of Vic Sotto's lady-love in Regal Films' spoof comedy Gawa na ang Bala Para sa Akin, her initial reaction was to exclaim, "At last, at last!"

It's because since she started making a name as an actress, Monica has been playing leading lady mostly to action stars, such as Bong Revilla (in Donagalo Massacre), Lito Lapid (in Madelo and Melgar) and Ronnie Peo (in Ako ang Hubusga).

But, of course, the Ch. 2 Thursday night sitcom, Goin' Bananas, also helps a great deal in bringing Monica closer to the public. "That also has helped me a lot, too, in overcoming my shyness," says Monica. "At first, I was so conscious that I would hardly do comedy. Ngayon, sanay na sanay na ako."

That's why when she was offered the role in Gawa na ang Bala Para sa Akin, directed by Efrén Jariego, Monica really jumped for joy. "I've been praying and waiting for a comedy role para naman nailiba, and Gawa na ang Bala... came as the answer to my prayers."

She's grateful, too, for the chance to be Vic Sotto's leading lady. "I've always been a fan of his," admits Monica. "Even when I wasn't in showbiz yet, I always watched Eat, Bulaga, especially because of Vic. Simple siyang mag-comedy. Para nang hindi nagko-comedy pag nagpapat-awa siya."

One scene in Gawa na ang Bala shows Monica lifting Vic into the air while they are frolicking on the beach, instead of the other way around. "Ang bigat niya, pero nakaya ko siyang buhatin. It took me three takes to perfect that scene," she laughs.



Herrera. A comedy movie, at last!

Jinky Llamanzares: gives best to debut

JINKY LLAMANZARES is not just another aspiring performer who can sing. More than that, Jinky knows what stardom requires and the attributes needed to attain it. Unlike other entertainers who sally forth into the local music industry with mere guts and a little prayer going for them, Jinky painstakingly developed her singing talent before taking the "big plunge."

The sixth child in a brood of eight, Jinky, surprisingly, is the only singer in the family. Her singing career started when she won the grand prize in the Yamaha-sponsored Musicmate Girl in 1986. She then joined the Music Making Company where she got a taste of showbiz life as one of the group's frontliners.

But in no time at all, Jinky soon found herself going solo, with the help of her manager, Angie Magbanua. She started to improve her craft and got offers to perform in various night spots and music lounges. She staged her first solo concert, Promises, at the Limelight Theatre, with Leo Valdez and Bimbo Cerrudo as guests.

Jinky was the featured local artist in David Benoit's Manila concert last April at the PICC. She also had a chance to pit talents with foreign performers in the recently-held Philippine Festival in Osaka and Fukuoka, Japan.

To date, 19-year-old Jinky is a regular performer at Birdland (along Timog ave. in Quezon City) and at the Limelight Theatre (in Remedios Circle, Malate).

In her barely two years in the entertainment industry, Jinky has just marked a milestone in her career with the release of her self-titled debut album under Ivory Records. It took her several months to finish the LP because "I wanted to give my best to make my first album a very special one," the young performer proudly declared during the launching of her LP last Oct 19 at Birdland.

Jinky did a mini-concert for her relatives, friends



Llamanzares: Regular performer at Birdland and Limelight Theatre

and the entertainment writers present during the album launching. She sang four songs from her LP: The romantic ballad Muling Bigyan ng Pag-asa, composed by Gines Tan; the dance tune, Dance A Little Closer, by Aaron Paul; an adaptation of All the Things You Are, arranged by Gerry Paraiso; and the upbeat ditty, Taksuhan, the carrier single by Kedy Sanchez.

Others songs in the album are: Just As Long As I Have You, by Noony Tan; Lagi Kitang Libing, by Aaron Paul; Pahiram ng Pag-ibig, by Gines Tan; Kung Nais Mo Pa Ako and Bakit Pa Ako Iwan, by Kedy Sanchez; and Ituro Mo sa Akin, by Venece Saturno.

Are Ironcon Builders defeatable?

ONE glance at the line-ups of the nine participating teams prior to the start of the 1st Professionals, Industrial and Businessmen Athletic Association (Pibaa) basketball tournament would lead experts to conclude that the team to beat is Ironcon Builders.

And why not? Ironcon has a tall line-up that is not only good at controlling the boards but can run as well.

On top of this, the indomitable spirit of Anejo Rum 65 is present in Ironcon with Dante Gonzalo's brothers in the team — Dario calling the shots and Dennis playing. Naturally, one would have an early crowd favourite in Ironcon.

Well, Ironcon got off to a rousing start by blasting Kiaoching, 101-91 on October 15 and following this up with a 106-91 rout over AEG-Asiaco three days later. As of this writing, Ironcon shares the lead with Choe Puck as both teams have identical 2-0 slates and remain unbeaten in the meet.

Owned by Pibaa president Jaime Lim, Ironcon is made up of Dennis Gonzalo, Felix Chavez, Ariel Ila, Rafael Carino, Marlon Reutator, Miguel Merino, Dandale Alcayde, Bernard Capilitan, Randy Martin, Rannie Balmori, Genaro — Tamayo, Roderick Custodio, Dennis Amancio, Joseph Guerra and Wilfredo Quismoro. Team manager is Charlie Lim while sports co-ordinator is Nilo Manansala.

Dennis Gonzalo was born July 12, 1965 to Odon Gonzalo and the former Lolita Corro in Sorsogon, Sorsogon. He stands 5-6, weighs 130 lbs and plays forward.

Felix Chavez was born on September 6, 1963 to Felix Sr. and Estrella Gopro. He stands 5-8 and plays for the National University Bulls in 1984.

Ariel Ila, 6-0, was a former University of Manila Hawklet under Loreto Tolentino. He was

born July 6, 1965. He also had a brief stint with Philippine Maritime Institute.

Rafael Carino is a timekeeper at Ironcon. This 5-11 point guard played for the UE Pages from 1973 to 1975 and the Trinity College Stallions. He was born on October 23, 1957 to Orlando and Rosalinda Carino.

Mario Reutator stands 6-0 and played for the Engineering team of the University of the East. He was born August 18, 1971 to Renato Reutator and Delia Yorobe. He can double up as forward and centre.

Miguel Antonio Merino is a 6-1 forward from Makati. He is employed as a clerk at A.G.P. He finished his elementary and secondary schooling at Don Bosco and is currently studying at Letran. He was born on October 19, 1965 to Juan Merino and the former Virginia Unson.

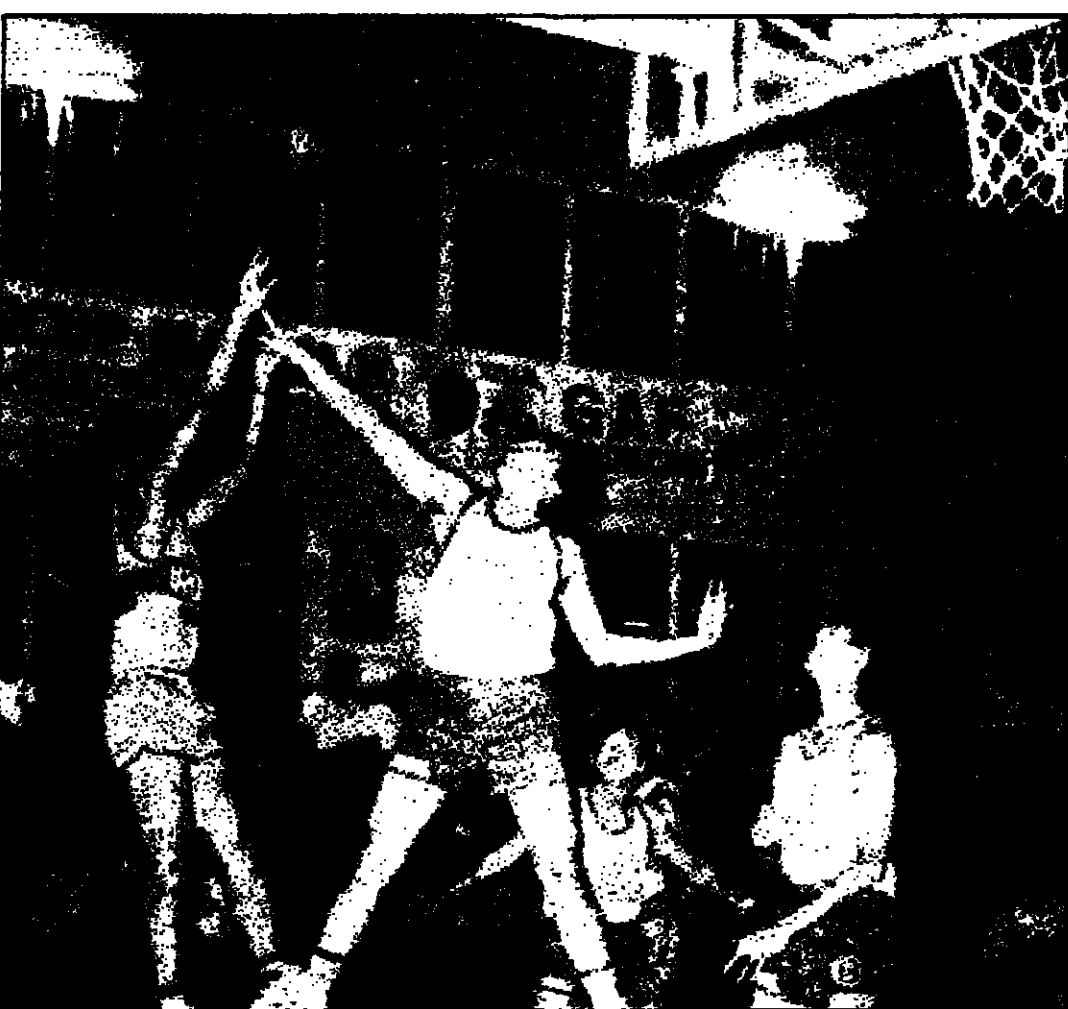
Florante Alcayde hails from Batangas City and is the son of Sotico Alcayde and the former Pacita Amboy. He was born on February 12, 1963. He stands 6-3 and plays centre. He had stints with Arellano University and Perpetual Help College of Manila.

Bernard Capilitan is from Paranaque. Born on May 14, 1969 to Sidrick Capilitan and Teresita Ty, the 6-2 Bernard played for Kiaoching and Copeland in the Pibaa. He is from PMI College.

Randy Martin stands 5-11 1/2 and is from the University of the East Caloocan. Born on June 19, 1966 to Rodolfo Martin and Alaceli Quilatan, Randy first played for Ironcon in the Ceba early this year.

Ranillo Balmori is from Pandacan and was born on September 12, 1966 to Danilo and Nenita Balmori. He stands 5-11 and plays forward. He played for Ironcon both in the Leo Club tourney and the Ceba.

Genaro Tamayo, Jr. was born on December 22, 1961 to Genaro



AEG-Asiaco's Daniel Chua tries to prevent an Ironcon cager from scoring to no avail.

Sr. and Maria Perez and is from Antipolo, Rizal. He is a tourist guide driver of the family owned Mabini Limousine Services. He played for the Adamson Baby Falcons under coach Boy Arayas from 1980 to '82. He stands 5-9.

Roderick Custodio is another former Baby Falcon who started playing for Ironcon last year. He was born on January 31, 1970 to Angel Custodio and Zenaida Sta. Cruz. He stands 5-11 and plays forward.

Dennis Amancio is from Sampaloc, Manila. Born on October 23, 1967 to Rodrigo Amancio and Cresencia Ambrosio, the 5 11 1/2 Dennis played for Lani in the inter-villages tournament early this year. He is a graduate of San Beda High and Adamson College.

Joseph Guerra hails from Batangas City and was born on April 14, 1968 to Jose Guerra and Tomasa Carreon. He played for Arellano University and the

University of Manila. He stands 6-1.

Wilfredo Quismoro works at the Bottling Maintenance department of San Miguel Corporation. He was born March 6, 1957 to Innocencio and Mauricia Quismoro. He stands 5-8 and plays guard.

It's a cinch Ironcon will make it to the semifinal round. Ironcon isn't playing at full throttle yet. Actually it's just sizing up the opponents?

Guidelines on the importation of motor vehicles

DETAILS on the no dollar imports of motor vehicle include the following:

Individuals qualified to import motor vehicles:

1. Returning residents who have resided abroad for at least (1) one year and who arrive in the Philippines within the effectivity of these guidelines;
 2. Immigrants to the Philippines who arrive in Philippines within the effectivity of these guidelines;
 3. Individuals who have resided abroad for at least one (1) year, regardless of citizenship, whose vehicle is intended as gift or donation to his/her spouse or relative by consanguinity up to second degree, who must be a Filipino citizen (parent to child or vice versa, brother/sister to brother/sister, grandparent to grandchild or vice versa); and
 4. Any executive of regional offices and any other individual authorised by special provisions of laws, treaties and international agreements (e.g., ADB, Foreign Service Officers, UN organisations, etc.), taking into account the superiority of their rights under such laws and agreements applicable to their case.
- Motor vehicles authorised for importation, provided that these motor vehicles have been registered under the name of the qualified individual in the country of residence for at least six (6) months before

1. Left-hand drive passenger cars; provided, these comply with the provisions of the Energy Conservation Law of the Philippines (B.P. 73, as amended by E.O. 872), i.e., the vehicle does not exceed 2800 cc. displacement or kerbweight of 1,500;
 2. Left-hand drive commercial vehicles or those with left-hand drive conversion kits, such as vans, pickups, jeeps, and coasters; provided that the gross vehicle weight shall not exceed 3,000 kilograms; and
 3. Motorcycles and scooters.
- Required documents to be presented:
1. Accomplished application form;
 2. Vehicle's certificate or registration, duly authenticated by the nearest Philippine embassy/consulate;
 3. Company's certificate of registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Board of Investments. (If applicable or if expatriate is applying under Executive Order No. 226.)
 4. Stencils of chassis and engine numbers;
 5. Sales invoice of motor vehicle;
 6. Pertinent pages of importer's passport to substantiate length of residency abroad, authenticated by the nearest Philippine embassy/consulate;
 7. Income Tax Return (ITR) filed with both the Philippine embassy and the

- foreign country of residence for the last two (2) years, duly authenticated by the nearest Philippine embassy/consulate;
 8. Affidavit of intention to permanently reside in the Philippines;
 9. Approved permanent residency visa in the Philippines (for foreign nationals);
 10. Non-refundable processing fee in Philippine pesos. (Manager's or cashier's cheque) or its dollar equivalent in money order or bank draft, payable to the Department of Trade and Industry; P500 or US\$25 for car/commercial vehicle; P300 or US\$15 for motorcycle/scooter.
 11. In case of donation/gift, notarized deed of donation and official documents that show proof of the relationship between donor and donee (i.e. birth certificate, marriage contract, or certification from city/municipal registrar's office), and notarized affidavit from person knowledgeable of donor and donee, if birth certificate is not available.
- IMPORTANT: The vehicle should not be shipped without prior authorization from the Bureau of Import Services (BIS) of the Department of Trade and Industry.
- Requirements upon arrival of the motor vehicle:
1. Certificate of Authority to import from the (DTI);
 2. Passport (which will be held temporarily by the BIS and to be released after presentation of motor vehicle at the DTI compound after Land Transportation Office registration;
 3. Original car registration, for verification;
 4. Bill of Lading, (if B/L is not included in the documents referred by Bureau of Customs);
 5. Personal interview of importer (qualified donee/returning residents/immigrants) and
 6. In case of donation and in addition to requirements 1, 3, and 4, a copy of the donor's passport certified and authenticated by the Philippine consul in the country of residence. A P10,000 cash bond payable to DTI or STD in the name of the donee is required to ensure that the donated car is registered under the name of the donee before the Bureau of Import Services issues the Certificate of Release to the Bureau of Customs.
- To effect the release of passport/CB/STD, submission of the following documents is needed:
1. Xerox copy of BOC official receipt of taxes and duties fully paid;
 2. Land Transportation Office car registration certificate; and
 3. Presentation of only converted right-hand-drive imported vehicle for actual inspection at the DTI compound.

From the provinces

MANILA: Former city judge Gerino M. Tolentino said the system in the prosecutor's (fiscal's) office of merely submitting affidavits and counter affidavits in criminal cases renders injustice to certain complainants and respondents.

Tolentino said the system may hasten the disposition of cases, but it certainly is not fair in many instances to one of the parties in a criminal case.

"Since there is no direct and cross-examination of witnesses but merely submission of affidavits, there is no way of definitely arriving at the truth. It is only through the cross-examination of the witnesses when it can be determined whether the witness is telling the truth or not," said Tolentino.

St. near Sinonon St. in San Juan at about 4.15 pm.

When the Capcom agents spotted the suspects on board a jeepney with unknown plate number, they followed the vehicle.

The suspects opened fire at the agents and a gunbattle ensued.

The three men who jumped out of the jeepney were hit by Capcom soldiers. Their companions escaped towards Santolan Road.

Recovered at the crime scene were two .38 revolvers with empty shells. A knife was found in the possession of one of the victims. The bodies were taken to the PC crime laboratory for autopsy.

radio transceivers.

Meanwhile, military reports aid about 100 NPAs ambushed and killed seven Army troopers at Piat, Cagayan (Aris Ilagan).

PARANAQUE: Paranaque police arrested 16 young girls suspected of being prostitutes during a raid on a sauna bath in Bacalaran, Paranaque.

Sgt. Felix Vizcarra Jr., Paranaque police anti-organized crime unit chief, said the girls were arrested at about 10 pm Wednesday after two of his men posed as "guests." He added they used marked bills as payment for the "services" of two of 16 attendants inside the Love Sauna Bath on Airport Road, Bacalaran.

Vizcarra that his team, composed of Pfc. Reno Abella, Pst. Marcos Joseph Reyes, and Pst. Henry Galera, raided the establishment when a signal was received that the girls already consented to do the job.

He said all 16 girls, held at the police precinct, were booked for violation of Article 202 of the Revised Penal Code (working as attendants without permit). (Shirley S. Matias)

DAGUPAN CITY: Bulletin senior reporter Rod L. Villa Jr. urged Rotarians and civic leaders to help create a climate for economic activity to push the nation forward.

In a speech before the Rotary Club of Dagupan headed by president Rod Coquia, Villa said it should be the duty of leading citizens of a community to chart the course for economic recovery to sustain the life of the community and the nation.

He cited Congressman Oscar Orbes and Jose de Venecia Jr. among the nation's "most outstanding congressmen." He was introduced by Bulletin correspondent Jun Velasco, the programme chairman.

He said newspapers should always be balanced, sober, and objective; otherwise, they lose public patronage.

BAGUIO CITY: Mayor Ramon L. Lobo Jr., expressed yesterday his support for the retention of the University of the Philippines Baguio City High School (UPBCHS), stressing that he will make strong representations with President Aquino to find ways to help the affected students, teachers and parents.

Earlier, students, teachers, and parents of students staged a rally in front of the City Hall and appealed to Lobo and other city officials for help and support for the retention of the UPBCHS.

The Supreme Court recently ordered the phaseout of the school.

He said he will ask the president to find ways to protect the students, pointing out that "Baguio City, being the summer capital of the Philippines and the country's premier tourist spot, deserves the UP as premier state university."

MANILA: Manila policemen arrested four persons suspected to be involved in the hijacking of P1.5-million worth of canned skimmed milk in Tondo.

The suspects, one of them a woman, led police operatives to an isolated farm in barangay San Roque, Balinguay, Bulacan.

Cap. Wenceslao Eldama, chief of the WPD, theft and robbery section, identified those arrested as Jose C. Revillosa, Eulogio V. Picardal, Danilo G. Fernandez and Carmen B. Misajon, all of Tondo. Eldama added that other suspects still at large are Pastor Obiasca, one Peddie, the alleged financier, one alias Lito, truck helper and one Fidel, dispatcher of Mayon International Brokerage, and Rey Santos, the alleged buyer and owner of the farm where the milk was recovered.

In his report to Lt. Col. Aladdin Dinagmali, Eldama said the cargo was imported from France by Wyeth-Sunco. It was reportedly hijacked while on its way to the WSL-Inc. warehouses in Makati.

According to Miguel Dipolado, general manager of Mayon International Brokerage, the 4,000 boxes of S-26 canned milk was loaded on a trailer owned by Triple-M Forwarders at the Manila International Port at about 12 noon Tuesday (Sept 19). It did not reach its destination. (Angelo Ril)

MANILA: Five members of a family and two others were killed when several men threw a grenade at a house in barangay Badiangan, Maggot, Cotabato, last week, reports reaching Camp Aguinaldo said yesterday.

Killed were Anselmo Ansel, Santiago Ansel, Filimon Ansel, Maymay Ansel, Jovelyn Ansel, Romeo Enoc, and Allan Enoc. They all died on the spot, probers said.

Military investigators are still checking on the motive of the bombing at the house owned by Anselmo last Friday. They said all the victims were members of the Manobo tribe and former residents of barangay Ganatan.

QUEZON CITY: The Wildlife Foundation of the Philippines held a general membership meeting at the Quezon City Sports Centre on E. Rodriguez Ave.

WFP president Antonio de Dios talked about his recent lecture tour in the United States before international aviculturists. His talks centred on the facilities of Birds International, Inc. (BII), considered one of the largest, most modern and comprehensive bird-breeding facilities in the world.

The meeting was open to the public. More information can be secured from the Secretariat, Public Relations Counsellors, Philippines, at Tel. No. 673-4477.

CAMP AGUINALDO: An attempt to smuggle in P12 million worth of expensive textiles and ready-to-wear goods was foiled yesterday by elements of the Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB) and the Constabulary Capital Regional Command (Capcom).

EIIB Commissioner Jose T. Almonte said the goods were seized based on information that the cargo was illegally imported.

The multi-million-peso textile and RTW shipment, according to the information, was to be taken out of the Manila International Container Port (MICP) by the alleged consignee identified as a Glasstech Ltd. in collusion with certain customs officials.

The shipment has reportedly arrived from Hong Kong aboard the vessel SS "Merks Pinto" and was declared as household wares and cheap toys.

Operatives of the EHB National Capital Region (NCR) under Director Guillermo L. Parayno Jr. and the Capcom's Special Operation Task Force (SOTF), led by Maj. Sonny Razon, were responsible for the seizure.

Almonte had earlier sought the assistance of the SOTF based on Presidential Memorandum No. 225 authorizing the EHB to utilize the PC-INP and other law enforcement agencies in the drive against smuggling. (Sel Baysa)

PASAY CITY: A Filipino official of the United States Navy Medical Research Unit (USN-MRU) said that there is no case of Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome (Aids) in Pasay City.

Dr. V. Basaca, Seattle, MRU No. 2 supervisor, said that "within the past five years that we had been conducting Aids tests in Pasay City, never have we diagnosed a person as an Aids carrier."

Sevilla said the global project is a yearly undertaking of the USN-MRU in coordination with health offices in various cities and towns in the country.

"We conduct these free medical examinations only to the 'high-risk' group, consisting mainly of hospitality girls, bar girls, receptionists, nightclub dancers, singers, and even homosexuals," she added.

"Sevilla said the worst case of sexually transmitted disease in Pasay City is Hepatitis B.

A total of 400 people took the Aids test at the Pasay City Health Office under Dr. Elvira Lagrosa. An Aids test normally cost P450 per person.

MANILA: Three holdup suspects, who were tagged as killers of a policeman, were shot dead in a reported clash with agents of the PC Capital Regional Command (Capcom) in San Juan, Metro Manila Tuesday afternoon.

Slain were Eduardo M. Soria, 32, painter, of Corazon De Jesus, San Juan; Sonny Tayas, 20, construction worker, also of Corazon De Jesus; employee of the Philippine Refining Co. (PRC). They died on the spot from many bullet wounds, a Capcom report said.

The three victims were linked to the slaying of Pat. Rudy Robles of the Makati police who was shot and killed in a robbery-holdup inside a jeepney two weeks ago.

An investigation showed that members of the Special Operation Task Force (SOTF) led by PC Capt. Marcos Badilla were on a surveillance mission when they received a report that six holdupmen were aboard a jeepney cruising along Mon

MALOLO: Bulacan — Sen. Alberto G. Romulo and Bulacan Gov. Roberto M. Pagdanganan urged other officials and lawmakers to help in the efforts aimed at strengthening the local autonomy act.

At the same time, the Romulo and Pagdanganan aired their opposition to a proposal placing local government units under a federal system.

The two officials attended a conference here sponsored by the Bulacan Mayors League led by Rely Plameaco of Pulián.

Romulo and Pagdanganan said the federal system being proposed by Sen. John Osmena will not work in the Philippines. They noted that while federalism works in the United States, it will fail in the Philippines because "we have cultural values different from that of the Americans."

Senator Romulo stressed that local autonomy is best for the country with the people themselves seeing to it that their interest is served, adding that the essence of a truly autonomous unit is its capability to fund its own development activities.

QUEZON CITY: Five New People's Army (NPA) rebels, including a nephew of Leopoldo Mablangan, alias "Ka Hector," allegedly the NPA Banahaw Command chief, were killed yesterday during a clash with Army Scout Rangers in Quezon province.

Killed were "Ka Lito," nephew of Mablangan, "Ka Jet," "Ka Norie," "Ka Ranto," and "Ka Doris."

Initial reports said the Rangers, led by Cristolito Balaoing, fought 30 NPA rebels at barangay Valencia, Taybas, Quezon, at 7 am yesterday.

Recovered from the slain rebels were four M-14 rifles, five M-16 rifles, and three

MANILA: Tension gripped employees of the Department of Finance when an unidentified female caller warned of a bomb explosion in the Finance building at the Rizal Park.

Members of the Western Police District (WPD) bomb disposal team under Lt. Delano Baun found an MK-2 fragmentation grenade during a half-hour search in the three-storey building.

Police said that unknown female caller called up employee Angelita Balbino, 29, at 10:10 am and warned that the building will be blown up in an hour.

A follow-up warning was received by employee Eduardo Benco at 10:13 am (Vic Vega)

Pearl diving takes a plunge

Divers in dire straits

BADAR MUKAM, Bangladesh, Nov 4, (Reuters): Bangladeshi pearl divers who for generations have wrested glittering gems from the unpredictable Bay of Bengal are falling victim to the whims of taste and trade.

"Those of us still trying to keep this 400-year-old business alive find making a living out of it more and more difficult," said Abdul Khaleq, a diver for 30 years.

"Pearling is my life, my dream and my passion. But my sons have taken to other professions hoping for a better future," he said in an interview.

A hundred of his neighbours in this storm-damaged village near Bangladesh's border with Burma spend two or three days a week diving, or combing seaweed and the sands for oysters and other shellfish in which the pearls form.

Three hundred families in Maheshkhali and Sonadia Islands near Cox's Bazar, 60 km (100 miles) up the coast, also rely on their livelihood from pearling.

Pearls from the Bay of Bengal coast, especially the rare pink pearls, were once highly valued in the courts of the Mughal emperors and lesser rulers of the Indian subcontinent.

Gem traders would visit the coastal villages around St Martin's island, Bangladesh's only coral island, 20 km (15 miles) from here, to buy pearls for the markets of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Dhaka.

Now fewer traders come each year, offering less money with each visit.

The divers say they sell one ounce of white pearls for 1,300 taka (\$40), half the price they were getting in the early 1970s. The average monthly catch of a diving family is three ounces.

"People are losing interest in plucking pearls because of poor buyer interest and lack of government efforts to promote the trade," Cox's Bazar district commissioner M.A. Kamal said.

The prices double at gem markets in Cox's

Bazar, a coastal resort town 100 km (60 miles) south of the country's major port, Chittagong, and are even higher in the capital, Dhaka, market sources said.

Pink pearls are costlier but are seldom seen on the open market.

Kamal said interest in buying pearls had waned as wealthy families preferred to keep their assets in more readily negotiable gold.

Dwindling interest and lack of stock has kept the pearl trade stagnant. Bangladesh's overall pearl trade in the 1988-89 fiscal year, ended last June, was worth 100 million taka (\$3 million), the same as the year before.

Officials and traders said Bangladesh could earn at least four times that amount by exporting pearls if cultivation was instituted and over-harvesting of shellfish prevented.

"We could invite technical know-how from Sri Lanka and Japan for pearl projects and ask the West for financing," one official said.

He said hundreds of tonnes of shells were taken prematurely and used for making lampshades and other handicrafts, rather than used for pearl culture.

Officials said the country's distinctive pink pearls could be cultivated near the eight-square-mile (20 sq-km) St Martin's Island.

Pink pearls grow in crystal clear water, and the huge mother shells available around St Martin's could yield pearls weighing up to 300 grammes (10 ounces) each, an official said.

But environmental decay, strong currents and storms are threatening the island, home to 3,500 fishermen.

Environmentalists say islanders digging for tortoise eggs, a local delicacy, have done irreparable damage to the island's delicate reefs.

But despite growing frustration and shrinking profits, some people say they will never give up or change to another profession.

As pearl diver Abdul Rahman said: "There are times when we search hundreds of shells but find not a single pearl. But when I find one, a dream comes true."



Matching: the name of the game

Left: model for Geoffrey Beene wears a matched jacket and gloves during the spring/



summer show in New York on Nov 3. Right: model wears a dot coat with matching high-waisted skirt and bikini top. (Reuters wirephoto).

Reclusive Bacon, Britain's finest painter, lives life with a zest

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): Francis Bacon, hailed as Britain's greatest artist since Turner, typically wanted his 80th birthday to slip by unnoticed.

"We expected him but he didn't turn up," Valerie Beston of his trusted Marlborough gallery said after a private party to view an exhibition of 15 paintings to celebrate the occasion.

There is a bigger show of 60 pictures at the Hirshhorn museum in Washington but she

did not expect him to go to that either. "He says he's just not up to it."

Valuing his privacy Bacon shuns the trappings of wealth which the multi-million-dollar price tags on his pictures bring him and lives in two rundown rooms in central London.

Often portrayed as reclusive, Bacon lives with great zest, enjoys gambling and moves easily between drinking dens in London's Soho and mansions of rich collectors.

His disquieting style has given the art world some of its most disturbing paintings which critics say have roots in Michelangelo, Ingres and Picasso.

But friends say the bleak vision of life he is now known for belies a great charm and simplicity.

Bacon has turned down a knighthood. "The British acknowledge his eminence but do not know quite what to make of him an elegant, wealthy, rather conservative gen-

tleman who paints such scary pictures," Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's auction house and friend of Bacon said.

"He is an old-fashioned aristocratic liberal with a low threshold of boredom," said Gowrie, adding: "He is the greatest living painter and the most important Britain has produced since Turner."

Descended from the 16th-century philosopher whose name he bears, Bacon lives alone in his untidy rooms in a ramshackle mews

house in London where he paints.

Having experimented with spacious houses and gleaming studios, he always returned to his cramped garret in Kensington.

"He is not the only painter to require physical chaos as essential to the ordering of experience," says one critic.

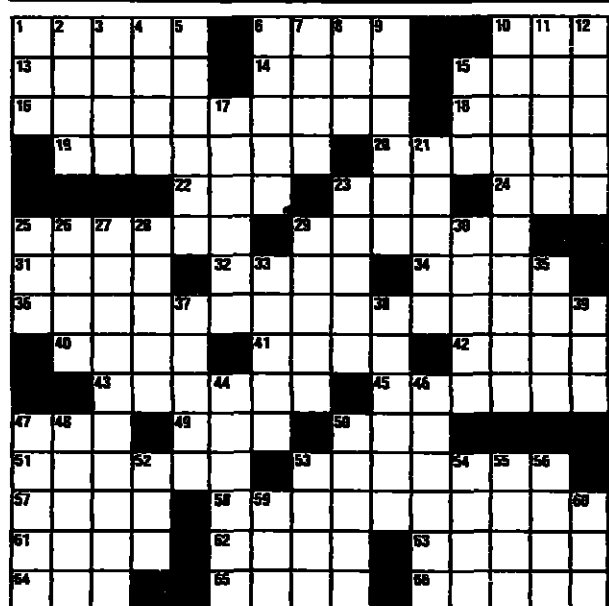
Born in Dublin on Oct 28, 1909, Bacon was the son of a pugnacious British army officer who had retired to train racehorses. He traces

his passion for gambling back to this time and has said chance plays a big part in a painting's outcome.

With delicate health and suffering from asthma, he left home at the age of 16 and spent several years in Paris and Berlin.

After working briefly as a furniture designer, he was determined to become a painter after seeing a Picasso exhibition but never had formal art training.

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♦ A K J 9 8 3
♣ K 2

EAST
♠ A J 5
♥ J 9 7 3
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A K
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 10 5 4 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♥ 3 ♦ 4 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

As declarer, how you handle a hand might be dictated by the number of losers there are in your side's combined holding. The corollary, therefore, is that a defender can often pick up a trick or two by forcing declarer to commit to a losing line of play before finding out how the cards lie.

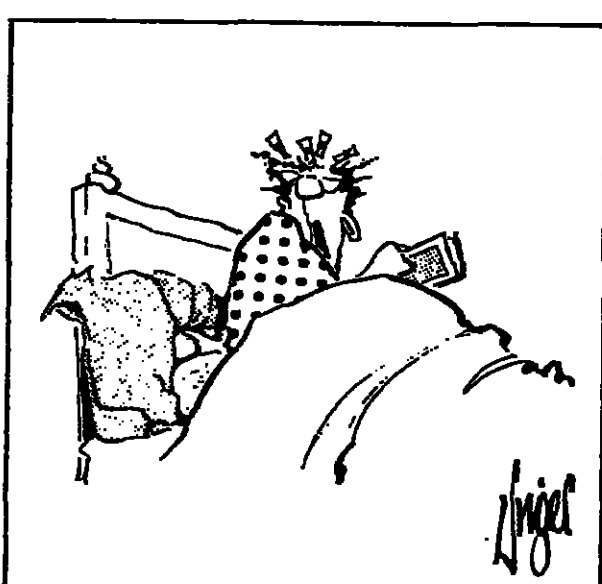
North-South were employing a no-trump range of 13-15. North's two-diamond response was a transfer to hearts. When South obliged,

West, who had been content to defend no trump because of his long suit, intervened with a diamond overcall, but nothing could deter North from going on to game in hearts.

West led his king of diamonds, and it needed no more than a cursory inspection of dummy to realize that, unless his partner had at least two tricks, there was no way to defeat the contract. At trick two, therefore, West shifted to the two of clubs!

Consider the possibilities from declarer's vantage point. Since he does not yet know of the bad heart break, he foresees only three losers—one spade, one diamond and one club. It seems that the greatest threat to the contract is West has a singleton club. If that is so, taking the club finesse would needlessly cost the contract should East win and return a club for West to ruff.

The logical play is for declarer to rise with dummy's ace of clubs and attempt to draw trumps, using a diamond ruff as the entry to the table. But when West shows out on the second trump, the contract is doomed. Sadly, declarer later learns that a club finesse would have landed the game—a play he would have to have made had he known beforehand that he had a sure trump loser.



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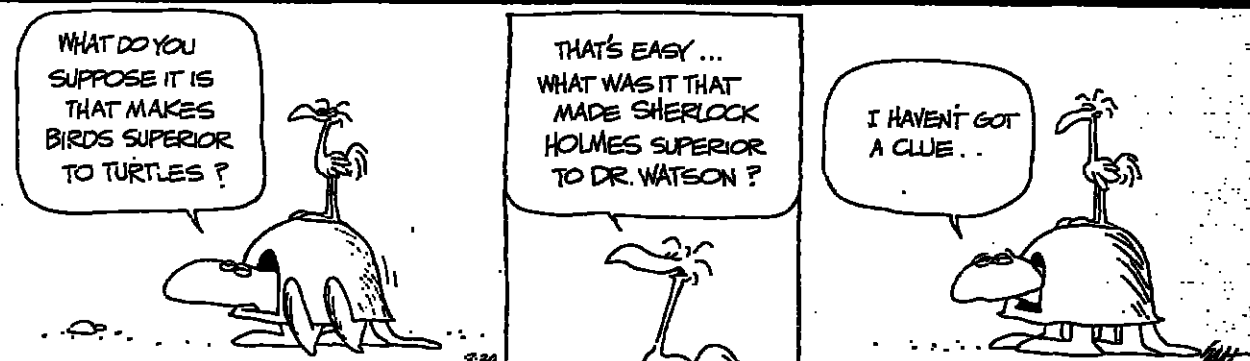
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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
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Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You are all too liable to create problems for yourself. Slowly things will improve and you will have something to be pleased about. Do not cease trying and you will ultimately succeed in learning. Be helpful.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will have something to be really pleased about. However you should not relax your efforts. Make sure you get all the exercise you need but do not exhaust yourself. Be considerate.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
There will be a certain amount of tension and you should do all you can to relieve it. Do not expect others to be there simply for your benefit. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 32. Avoid exceeding limits of any kind. Be polite.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
You will be able to make some success but you should not let it go to your head. You must try not to let your mind be filled by negative thoughts. Do something to help a friend less fortunate than you. Be less extravagant.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You will be able to make some necessary repairs. However do make sure that you have the right tools, and do not try to improvise. Think of others as well as of yourself. Be punctual.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Others will be more sympathetic towards you but you must not take advantage of them. Make yourself useful about the house. Avoid thinking about work and concentrate on dealing with a personal matter. Be tactful.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
If you try to do too many things all at once you will end up by doing none of them well. You should think less of work more of home today. Try and have a good laugh at yourself. Be sensible.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You should make sure you do not allow your emotions full rein, nor should you pent them up. You should not make a promise you know you could not carry out. Try to keep your spending under better control. Be fair.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will be better able to grasp some general principles and this will help you to reach a better understanding of the subject in question. Try not to be vague. Do not rely too much on others. Be moderate.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you a little gloomy. However if you think of cheerful things you will be able to overcome the mood. Take care when on the road. Be sincere.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
Venus' better influence will help you to deal with a personal problem. Trying a new approach to an old problem could well lead you to the right answer. Be hopeful.

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SPORTS

Jahangir wins

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): Jahangir Khan of Pakistan, who lost his world squash title and his number one ranking to compatriot Jansher Khan last month, beat his arch rival to win an invitation tournament in London yesterday. Jahangir won 9-15 15-11 15-6 3-15 15-5 in a match which ended on a sour note when Jansher did not contest the last three points after a 'no let' decision went against him.

Golf journey

TOKYO, Nov 4, (Reuters): The United States and Europe hope to achieve a clear decision in tomorrow's final of the million-dollar Four Tours World Championship of Golf. The US squad thrashed Japan 10-2 and Europe defeated Australia/New Zealand 7-5 in the closing round-robin matches today.

Title fights

LAS VEGAS, Nov 4, (Reuters): Unbeaten World Boxing Council super-lightweight champion Julio Chavez of Mexico and World Boxing Association junior-middleweight champion Julian Jackson of the US Virgin Islands will defend their titles in Las Vegas on November 18, promoters announced today. Chavez will face Sammy Fuentes of Puerto Rico and Jackson will meet Troy Wortham of the United States in 12-round bouts.

Women's hockey

NEW DELHI, Nov 4, (Reuters): Results of the 12-nation Women's International Cup hockey tournament today: Group A: France drew with Italy 0-0; Group B: Japan beat Malaysia 5-0 (half-time 1-0).

Japan Classic

TOKYO, Nov 4, (Reuters): American Elaine Crosby, 13th overnight, carded eight birdies including five in succession to keep to the top of the Japan Classic leader board today with a course record-equaling eight-under-par 64.

Racing star

ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 4, (AP): Former British motor racing star Stirling Moss today backed the world champion McLaren-Honda team in its battle with the governing body of Formula One racing, Moss, a winner of 16 Grands Prix during a career that stretched from 1951-61, said 1988 world champion Ayrton Senna of Brazil had been "hard done by" on Tuesday when the International Automobile Federation (FIA) dismissed his appeal against disqualification from the controversial Japanese Grand Prix.

Heavyweight fight

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): Mike Tyson will defend his world heavyweight title in London, American promoter Don King pledged today. No dates were mentioned, but high on the list of possible contenders are former challenger Frank Bruno, national heavyweight champion Gary Mason and the promising British-based Canadian Lennox Lewis.

W. German soccer

BONN, Nov 4, (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results today: Bayern M. 1 Werder 1, Kaiserslautern 2 Borussia D. 2, Bayer U. 3 Nurnberg 1, VfB Stuttgart 4 Borussia M. 0, Eintracht F. 1 Karlsruhe 0, Hamburg 0 Cologne 2. Played on Friday: Bochum 1 FC Hamburg 0, Bayer L. 1 St Pauli 1, Fortuna D. 0 Weiden 0.

KPL meeting

A FINAL meeting of all participating teams in the Dec 1, 1989, First KPL Conference will be held at the Mahabub Restaurant, on Thursday, November 9, 1989, at 7.30 pm. Topics to be discussed are: (1) Induction of officers, (2) Opening ceremonies, (3) One-day championship on the opening day, (4) Membership drive, (5) Fund raising drive for the Christmas season.

Diego Maradona

NAPLES, Italy, Nov 4, (Reuters): Diego Maradona will return to captain Italian League leaders Napoli tomorrow after his surprise ban from a mid-week UEFA Cup tie for missing training, a senior club official said today. The announcement by director Aldo Trifirogi appeared to confirm the end to a row between Napoli and their Argentine star over Wednesday's ban, imposed when Maradona turned up to play against Swiss Wetzikon one hour before the kickoff.

Reds manager

CINCINNATI, Nov 4, (AP): The Cincinnati Reds have asked Lou Piniella to pick up the pieces. Piniella was given a three-year contract yesterday to manage the Reds after spending the last 16 years with the New York Yankees as a player, coach, manager, general manager and just about everything else.

New boss

CLEVELAND, Nov 4, (AP): The Cleveland Indians yesterday named John McNamara manager for the 1990 season. McNamara succeeds Doc Edwards, who was fired Sept 12.

Barrett quits

LONDON, Nov 4, (UPI): Boxing promoter Mike Barrett has announced his retirement after more than 25 years. British Boxing Board of Control rules are soon to prevent managers holding promoter's licences and Barrett has decided to retain his 16-strong stable of fighters and continue as a matchmaker.

Dubai Classic

DUBAI, Nov 4, (Reuters): Britain's 20-year-old Stephen Hendry overwhelmed his compatriot Doug Mountjoy to win the inaugural £200,000 Dubai Snooker Classic.

Rugby Test

STRASBOURG, France, Nov 4, (Reuters): Australia produced one of their finest performances for years to pull off a memorable 32-15 win over France in the first of two Test matches on their rugby union tour today.

Friendly rugby

CARDIFF, Nov 4, (Reuters): New Zealand beat Wales 34-9 (half-time 12-6) in a friendly rugby union international today.

Chelsea blast Millwall

Coventry stun Pool



Kerry Dixon: got two for Chelsea

Liverpool, who had lost only once before this season, had never been beaten at home by Coventry in 22 previous visits and the shock defeat allowed Chelsea, 4-0 winners against Millwall, to overtake them at the top of the English First Division. But, with third-placed Everton meeting Aston Villa tomorrow, Chelsea's unexpected reign on their first season back in the top division could be brief. In Scotland, champions Rangers stunned Glasgow rivals Celtic with the manner of their 1-0 defeat, the goal coming in the 88th minute from ex-Celtic striker Mo Johnston.

The Scottish international, the first Catholic to play for the fiercely Protestant Rangers, was signed from Nantes in July as Celtic dithered over whether to buy him back themselves.

English champions Arsenal just managed to keep their unbeaten home record this season when a late goal by Lee Dixon, his second of the match, broke a deadlock against Norwich and gave the London side a 4-3 victory.

Arsenal had been trailing 2-0

ideas. Liverpool's defence let him break free to pick up a high cross from Greg Downs and head it low into the corner of the net two minutes after the interval.

At the other end, Coventry goalkeeper Steve Orgrizovic saved two shots from England's Peter Beardsley and when he failed to get to a David Burrows cross, Kevin Drinkell was on hand to clear the ball in time.

Chelsea striker Kerry Dixon had promised to silence disbelievers who say his side have no serious chance of winning the title and he kept his word by sharing the goals with Kevin Wilson.

Results

English Division One			
Arsenal	4	Norwich	3
Charlton	2	Manchester U	0
Chelsea	4	Millwall	0
Liverpool	0	Coventry	1
Luton	1	Derby	0
Manch. C	3	Crystal P	0
Notts Forest	0	Sheffield Wed	1
Southampton	1	Tottenham	1
Wimbledon	0	QPR	0
Playing Sunday: Aston Villa v Everton			
English Division Two			
Barnsley	0	Portsmouth	1
Brighton	1	Blackburn	2
Hull	0	Watford	0
Ipswich	3	West Brom.	1
Leeds	3	Bournemouth	0
Newcastle	2	Middlesb.	2
Oldham	2	Sunderland	1
Plymouth	1	Bradford	1
Port Vale	1	Oxford	2
Sheff. U	1	Leicester	1
Swindon	6	Stoke	0
Wolves	1	West Ham	0

English Division Three	
Bolton	0
Brentford	2
Bristol R	1
Chelster	2
Mansfield	1
Northampton	1
Preston	2
Reading	0
Walsall	0
Wigan	1
Played Friday:	
Cardiff	3
Playing Sunday: Leyton Orient v Fulham	

English Division Four			
Burnley	0	Colchester	0
Cambridge	2	Aldershot	2
Carlisle	3	Maidstone	2
Doncaster	1	Scunthorpe	2
Exeter	3	Lincoln	0
Gillingham	2	Scarborough	0
Grimsby	0	Chesterfield	0
Hartlepool	3	Wrexham	0
Hereford	1	Rochdale	3
Southend	0	Peterborough	0

York	1	Torquay	0
Played Friday		Halifax	
Sussexport	0		
Scottish Premier Division			
Dundee	1	Aberdeen	0
Dunfermline	1	Dundee U	1
Hibernian	1	Hearts	0
Rangers	1	Celtic	1
St Mirren	2	Motherwell	2
Scottish Division One			
Aberion	1	Alloa	0
Clyde	2	Cydwbank	1
Falkirk	3	Airdrie	1
Forfar	1	Meadowbank	3
Hamilton	3	St Johnstone	3
Morton	1	Ayr	1
Raith	1	Furkirk	0
Scottish Division Two			
Brechin	1	Queens Park	0
Dumfries	3	Montrose	2
East Fife	2	Arbroath	1
Kilmarnock	2	Queen of South	0
Stirling	3	Cowdenbeath	1
Stirling	4	East Stirling	0
Stranraer	1	Berwick	3

McEnroe to meet Becker in semifinals

PARIS, Nov 4, (Reuters): West German top seed Boris Becker and former world number one John McEnroe set up an eagerly-awaited semifinal clash at the \$1.26 million Paris Open yesterday.

Becker, who has just returned from injury, steered close to disaster before winning his second third set tiebreak in two days as he beat Australian qualifier Wally Masur 6-7 6-4 7-6.

But McEnroe showed all his old brilliance in winning an all-American encounter with 17-year-old French Open champion Michael Chang 6-4 6-3.

The superb form of third seed McEnroe offers the prospect of a classic encounter with the powerful Becker and the American, for one, is ready.

"I'm due to play a really good match against him," McEnroe said. "I'll try to play my game and force my game on to his. I know what he'll do — he'll come out and try to overpower me."

"But if I can hold that and use my advantage in quickness, serve well and volley solidly as I did tonight, I'm fully confident about my chances."

McEnroe confessed he was particularly eager to beat Chang, a teenager he has accused of not showing enough respect to older players such as himself.

"I don't hold anything against him," he said. "But young guys these days are not like young guys of the older days. The only language he speaks is 'on the court' so it was nice to play the way I can play."

"He's 17 and I'm 30. I have two kids and he travels with his mum. I've been around a long time and I deserve the respect."

Chang's almost unbelievable



Becker yells after his match against Masur. (Reuters wirephoto)

powers of retrieval against a McEnroe in full flow produced a superb match but in the end the younger player was overwhelmed and unable to cope with the third seed's wider repertoire of shots.

Becker was far from his best though he gave a much improved performance on his second round victory over Frenchman Guy Forget by exactly the same score on Thursday.

"I don't expect Becker to play the same way as he has the last couple of days," McEnroe said. "I wish he would, that would make my job easier."

But the West German, who had not played in a Grand Prix since the US Open because of knee injuries, was happy enough. "I've gained a lot of matchplay at this tournament. I already went through all sorts of circumstances. I feel I'm back in business," he said.

In the other semifinal, second seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden will play sixth-seeded American Aaron Krickstein.

Edberg looked close to his best in a comfortable 6-4 6-3 win over Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland. Krickstein won an all-American duel with fourth-seed Brad Gilbert 4-6 6-3 6-4.

Soviets beat Dutch to extend lead

Lucerne, Switzerland, Nov 4, (Reuters): The Soviet Union beat an out-of-form Netherlands side yesterday to extend their lead in the World Team Chess Championship.

The Netherlands, despite playing their top four players, could not contain the title holders. The Soviets won on every board except the second, where they were better, but could only draw.

World candidate finalist Jan Timman did not meet his rival candidate finalist and ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov, who rested yesterday, an indication of the relaxed and confident mood of the champions, who now have a massive five-point lead.

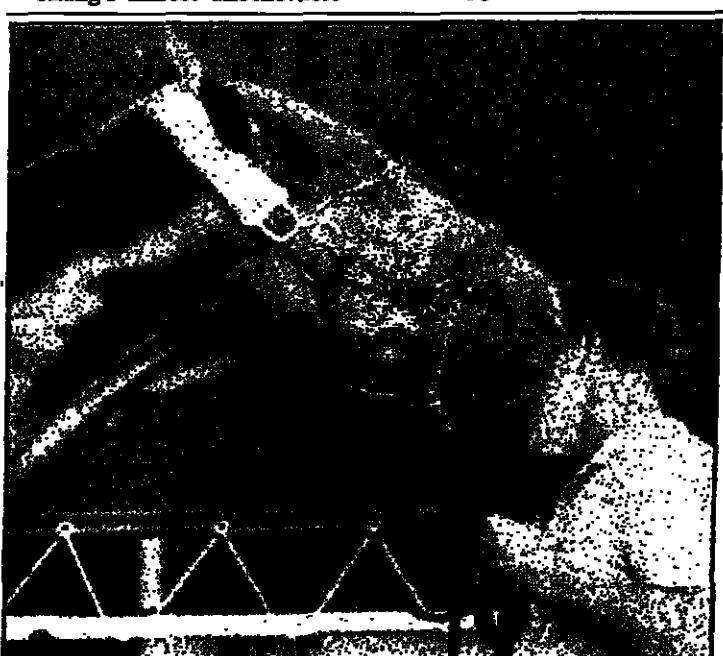
The adjourned game between Yugoslavia and Hungary was agreed a draw without resumption of play, leaving the score a victory for the Yugoslavs by 2.5 to 1.5 points.

England unsuccessfully tried for maximum points against an African team that they vastly outranked on paper. But they could only score a disappointing win by 2.5 to 1.5 points.

The United States squeezed a narrow win over sixth-placed Cuba to move up to fourth.

The Americans are now in serious contention for a medal, after a poor start to the tournament. The final match between Switzerland and China is still unresolved after the first adjournment session.

The game between the Swiss international master Lucas Brunner and the untested Rongguang Ye of China, is left unfinished after nine hours and 81 moves. The score is currently tied on 1.5 points each.



Breeder's Cup

Groom Mario Delgado appears to be getting a tip straight from the horse's mouth as Belmont Stakes winner Easy Goer nuzzles him following a workout at Gulfstream Park on Friday. Easy Goer was to race in the \$3 million Breeder's Cup Classic to be held in Hallandale, Florida, last evening. (Reuters wirephoto)

Al Shatti wins Masters title

By Sonny Mariano

MANSOUR AL SHATTI continued to be one of the most dominant figures on the local bowling scene by bagging the 3rd Masters bowling tournament men's division title. Before adding one of the prestigious titles to the long list of championships tucked under his belt, Mansour first topped the semifinals with six game total of 1123 before going into the step-ladder finals with the other bowlers who made it to the top six.

The other finalist in order of their standings were Ed de Leon, who surprised everyone when he came in second, followed by perennial Masters finalist Rico Pino. Then came the resurgent Arthur Reyes in fourth position. In fifth place is the equally consistent Mar Evangelista and completing the cast of the finalist was Nasbat Mohammed.

The first game of the step-ladder pitted Mar against Nasbat and the latter narrowly made it to the next stage after nipping Mar 178-170. Then came the exciting match between Arthur and Nasbat, which was decided by a mere pinfall. In the last frame of this match, Arthur needed nine pins to eliminate Nasbat (178-177) and he did just that to advance to the next stage, this time against Rico Pino, again the game was decided in the last frame and this time it was Rico's turn to deliver to be able to overcome Arthur's lead of one mark. A strike in the last frame could have given the match to Rico but he managed to topple only nine pins thus giving Arthur a chance to inch closer to the title. The score of that match was 205-200.

In the penultimate match Arthur faced Ed de Leon, who was the least experienced bowler in field but showed a lot of guts as he upended Arthur in a tightly contested match. Ed took the game by a score of 168-162 to forge a showdown with top finalist Mansour.

The first game of the two game final match went to Mansour 223-169. Ed bounced back in the second game 196-177 but he failed to overhaul the 54-pin advantage of Mansour in the first game. Mansour took the title by virtue of a higher total in two games.

Antonio Lason took the High Game award while Rod Dulay was the recipient of the High Series. The women's division crown was contested by the eight finalist plus the defending champion Eva Sabay and after the three game finals Cora Paras emerged as the champion with a score of 554 (193, 167, 194). The first runner up was Cecil Valino with 530 (166, 174, 190), followed by Lynne Reyes with 503, Amy Abdon 497, Mercy Laborce 484 and fifth runner up was Arce Ruiz with 480. Arce also took home both the High Series and High Game awards.

After the finals, both in the men and women's division, the winners as well as non-winners and friends of PBAK got together at Ramada Al Salam Hotel for the 3rd PBAK night in which the trophies, medals and gifts were handed out to the winners of the tournaments that were completed in the past few months.

Present during the affair were the Ambassador of the Philippines to Kuwait Dr. Maung Mohammed Tamano and his wife, Consul General Olivia Palala, the sponsors namely Adnan Khalil of Far East Rest, Abdul Hamid Shabben of Gold Medals Co., Saleh Abughosh of Hatid Laga and other distinguished guests.

Bert Papis of the Phil. embassy introduced Ambassador Tamano who delivered a very inspiring speech. The ambassador and Consul General Palala gave out the awards assisted by PBAK president Rico Pino and the respective directors of each tournament.

PBAK senior VP delivered the closing remarks. Coming up next! The PBAK Winter League at the Holiday Inn.

Border slams century for Queensland

SYDNEY, Nov 4, (Reuters): Allan Border completed his 61st first class century, his 11th in Sheffield Shield cricket, to lead Queensland to 220 for six in reply to South Australia's first innings of 239 at Brisbane today.

115 not out by the close and found a useful late order partner in newcomer Steve Storey. In Perth, Western Australia thwarted Tasmania's historic victory bid. The hosts finished on 265 for seven to force a draw and deny

Tasmania their chance of a first win over the Shield champions. Paceman Dave Gilbert toiled magnificently for figures of five for 47. He removed the first five batsmen and at one stage had Western Australia reeling on 143 for five.

Two million French francs to be spent on Kuwait powerboat racer

Kouros to sponsor Mishal Al Jarallah

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

IN ITS first Middle East sport sponsorship programme, Kouros, a men's fragrance from Yves Saint Laurent, is to spend two million French francs on the sponsorship of a Kuwait powerboat racer, Mishal Al Jarallah in the 1989/90 season.

Kouros picked Jarallah as a most promising racer in the Middle East who has displayed skill and courage in races held in Dubai, Kuwait and Jordan.

But Jarallah also fits into the image the Kouros fragrance purports to project, said the visiting Saint Laurent sales team. He is young, energetic and above all desperately wants to win, explained Beatrice De Luge.

Jarallah will race under the Kouros sponsorship later this month in Jordan and next month in Dubai. Next year he will compete on his home ground twice, in March and May, and will also take part in the Dubai race in early May.

A glimpse of his daring could be caught yesterday when Jarallah raced past the SAS dhow carrying press and promoters, at more than 80 miles an hour in his 32 ft Cougar Sportscat powered by three Mercury 2.4 engines.

Kouros opted for a Middle East sponsorship programme after sales figures revealed that Kouros accounts for 25 per cent of the total Yves Saint Laurent perfumes turnover in the Gulf region. The Gulf



The Yves Saint Laurent team address the press meeting.

remains an area where the sales of perfumes for men are some 10 percentage points higher than elsewhere in the world. "In that the Gulf is the forerunner," said Jean Charles Seite in charge of exports for the Yves

Saint Laurent perfumes. "Men's perfumes account for 35 per cent of the total perfume sales in the area and we expect this year the figure will rise to 40 per cent," he added. This leaves some extra francs

to be spent on promotion. Jarallah is delighted to be backed by Kouros. "I would have entered all the five races even if I had no sponsorship. But with the backing from Kouros my chances of success

are higher," he said. Powerboat racing is indeed a sport where money can make a big difference. Not only are the boats and engines extremely expensive but by coughing up more money one can make boat

improvements that could make a difference between winning and losing.

With technical faults being frequent and potentially disastrous, even life threatening, and with spare parts and transportation costs soaring, a generous sponsor is every racer's dream.

Jarallah whose debut in powerboat racing in 1987 was plagued by engine trouble scored success in a series of subsequent races — he came second in a race in Kuwait last year and first in the Jordan powerboat race. Last March he faced tough competition from top American, Australian and European racers in Dubai but managed to leave most of them behind coming fourth. Jarallah teams up with a skilled throttleman Ananda Fernando from Sri Lanka.

Shriver last defeated Navratilova at the 1982 US Open.

"Sometimes it's very tough and I didn't concentrate for a few points. That part is improving, but I still have to improve more," said Sabatini, who will face third-seeded American Zina Garrison in the semifinals.

Garrison, who defeated Liz Smylie 6-1 7-6, led 6-1 3-0 before the Australian put up some resistance.

Navratilova will meet unseeded American Anne Smith, who scored her second successive upset by ousting fourth seed Conchita Martinez of Spain 6-3 3-6 6-2.

The 71st-ranked Smith beat seventh seed Helen Kelesi of Canada in her previous match.

The 33-year-old Navratilova, who has a 34-3 career record against Shriver, said, "She's beaten me before and I get up for a match more when someone's beaten me."

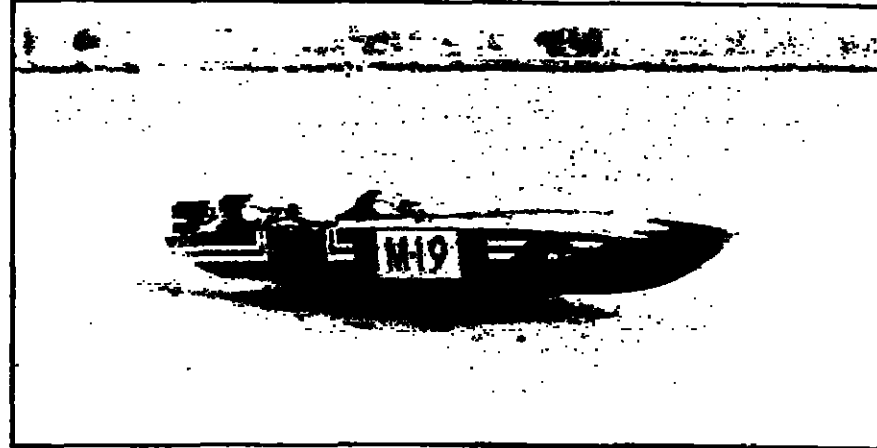
Shriver last defeated Navratilova at the 1982 US Open.

Reggi downs Savchenko

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov 4, (Reuters): Third seed Raffaella Reggi scored a crucial second set service break and went on to a 2-6 6-4 6-0 quarterfinal win over sixth seed Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union at the Indianapolis tennis tournament yesterday.

Top-seed and defending champion Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria had a much easier time advancing as she ousted Natalia Medvedeva of the Soviet Union 6-3 6-3 in a baseline contest.

In the semifinals of this \$100,000 event, Maleeva will face fifth-seeded American Amy Frazier, who scored a 6-3 6-2 victory over countrywoman Halle Cioffi, the 1987 champion.



Jarallah and Fernando display speed and power of their craft.



Mishal Al Jarallah (left) shakes hands with Antoine Diron of Yves Saint Laurent aboard the SAS dhow after an exhibition ride in his powerful Cougar Sportscat boat.

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Little League

Cubs and Giants triumph

BEAUTIFUL weather, beautiful baseball: The Kuwait Little League teams had both in their games. The Tee-ball Twins and Cubs really went to town yesterday. Shots Miyazaki pitched for the twins. Big pitcher for the twins was Ahmad Al Hisham with a home run in the fourth inning earning 2 runs. Razi Al Awamleh had a home run as did Hisham Al Hisham.

Now the Cubs really looked good. Ahmad Gud had a home run in the third earning 2 RBI's. Ahmad Lahali had a home run and earned 3 RBI's. The hitters were Ahmad Gud with a triple, John Zakaria with a double and a triple earning 1 RBI. Bader Al Kanani had two doubles, Jamal Al Hisham had a double and Kris Al Hisham had a double and earned two RBI's for the day. The Cubs took the game 16-6.

The Cardinals and Giants gave their fans a very exciting game. Cardinal hitters were Hisham Navarro with a double and single earning 2 RBI's. Paul Colbourne had a triple and brought in 1 run, Talal Navarro had a beautiful double, unfortunately no one was on base.

The Giants were hot. Masato Watanabe had a triple and earned 2 RBI's. Keita Miyazaki had a double and brought in 3 runs. Excellent base running helped the Giants take the game 14-7 to the Cardinals.

The Mariners and Blue Jays had a terrific game. Andrew Colwell hit a home run in the first inning with the bases loaded. He started the Blue Jays off to a great start. Andrew also had a triple in the third inning bringing in 3 more runs.

The Mariners ended up the winners by great base stealing and hitting by Miral with a single and 1 RBI. Kazi with two singles and 1 RBI, and Basher with a single and 1 RBI. The Mariners took the game 11-7.

The Tigers looked good for Friday's game. Rashed Kawiny earned 2 RBI's on a single. Rami Hammam hit a triple and earned 2 RBI's. Ahmad Al Wazany had a triple, Ahmad Galal a single and double earning 3 RBI's for the team.

The Braves were ready to battle the Tigers. Bushra Khan earned 2 RBI's for her single. Ahmad Afani earned 4 RBI's for his three singles. Faisal Al Naibari earned 2 RBI's for his single and Ibrahim Dagher had a triple and a single earning 2 RBI's. Majeed Al Mulla had a triple bringing in 1 run and Skaylor Mosa earned 2 RBI's for his double. Raja Abul Jubain earned 2 RBI's for a single along with Hussa Al Fulaij. Omar Al Omar had a triple and Adel Ebraheem had a double. The Braves proved to be the winners beating the Tigers 25-13.

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